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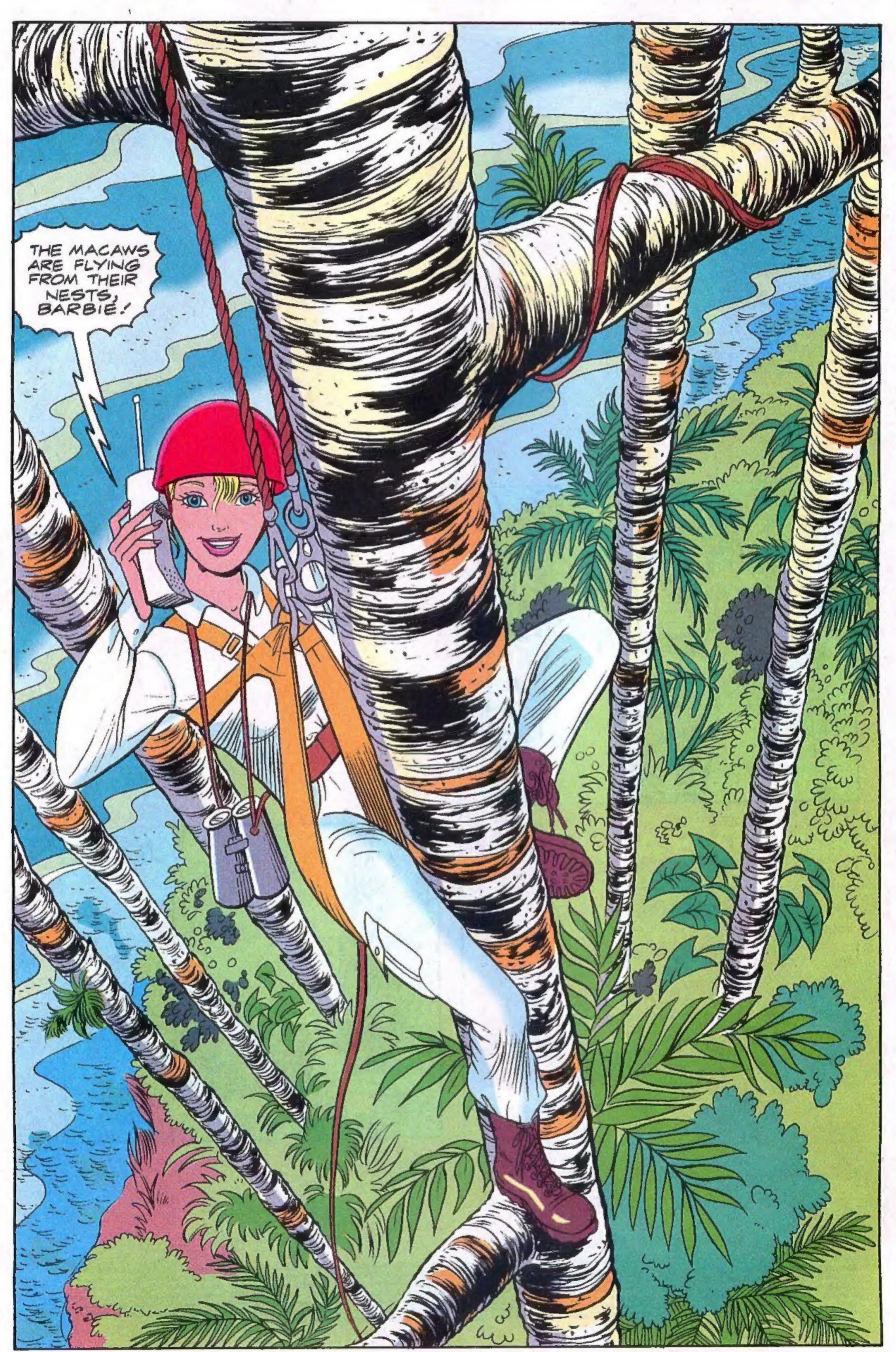
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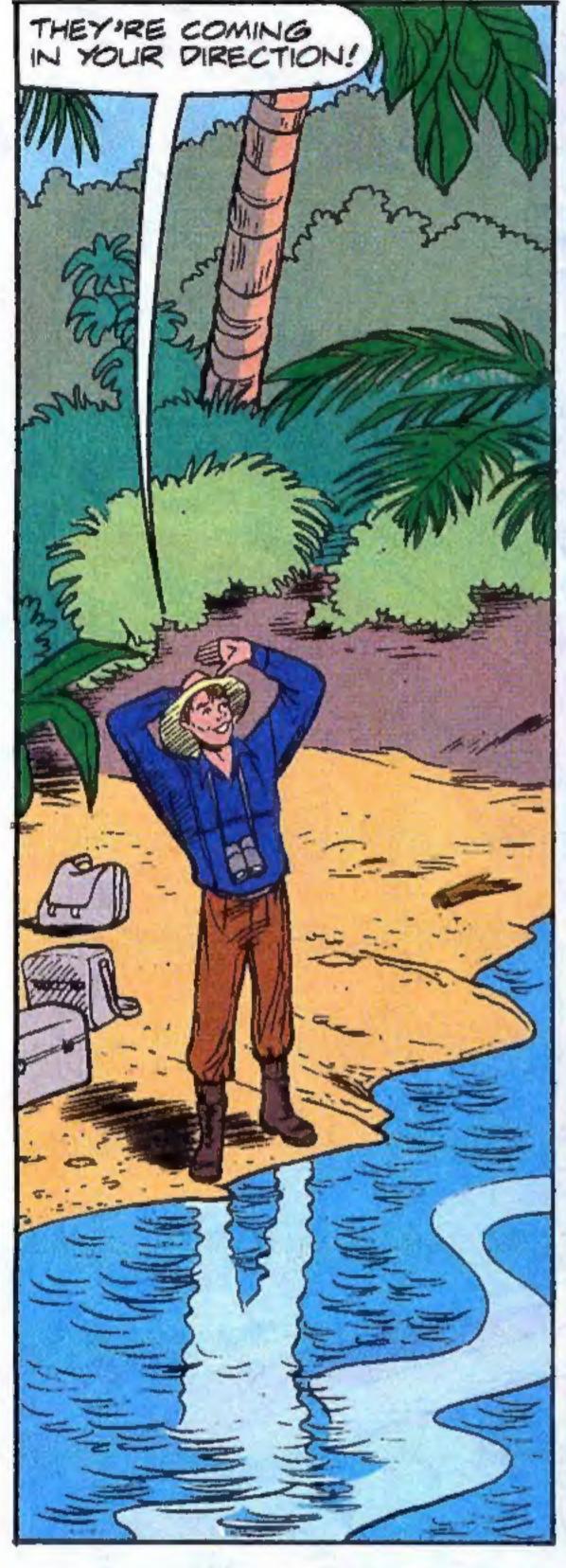


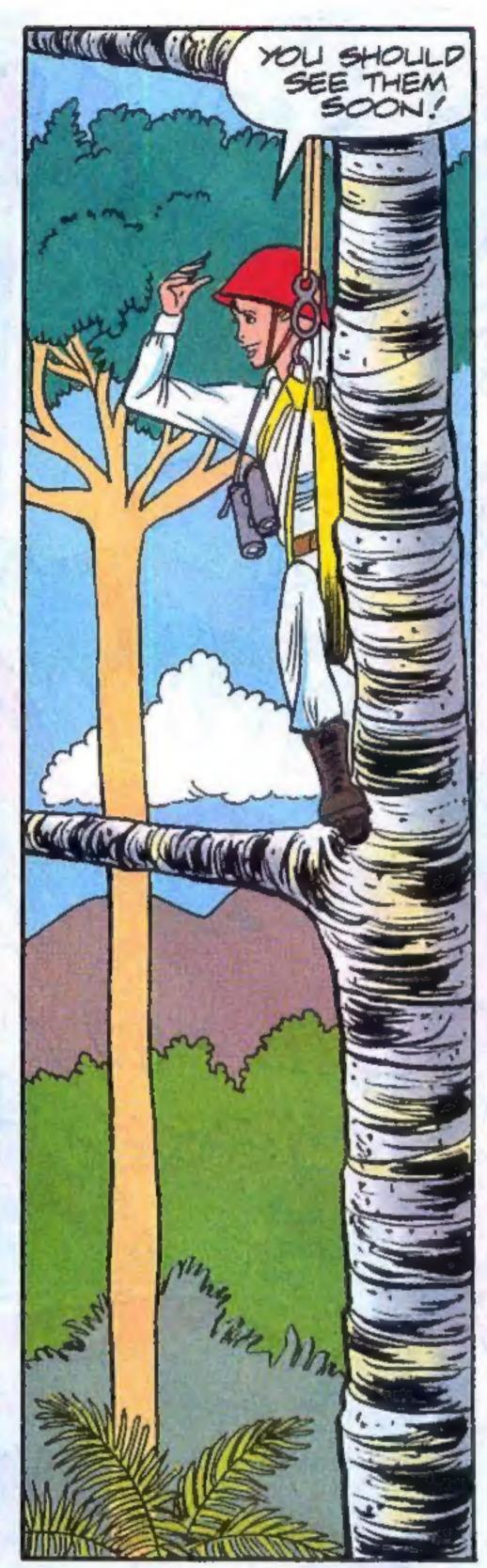
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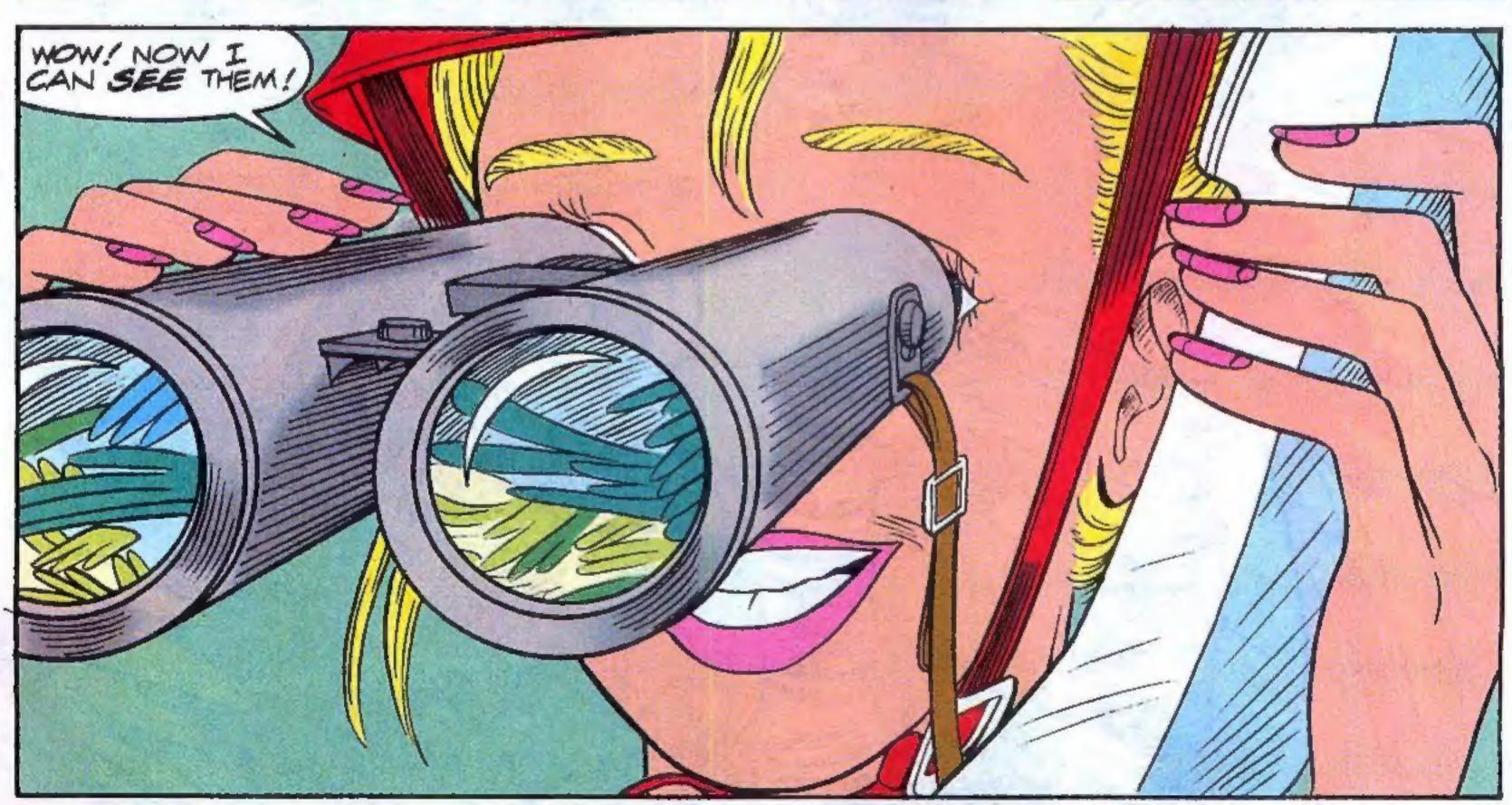
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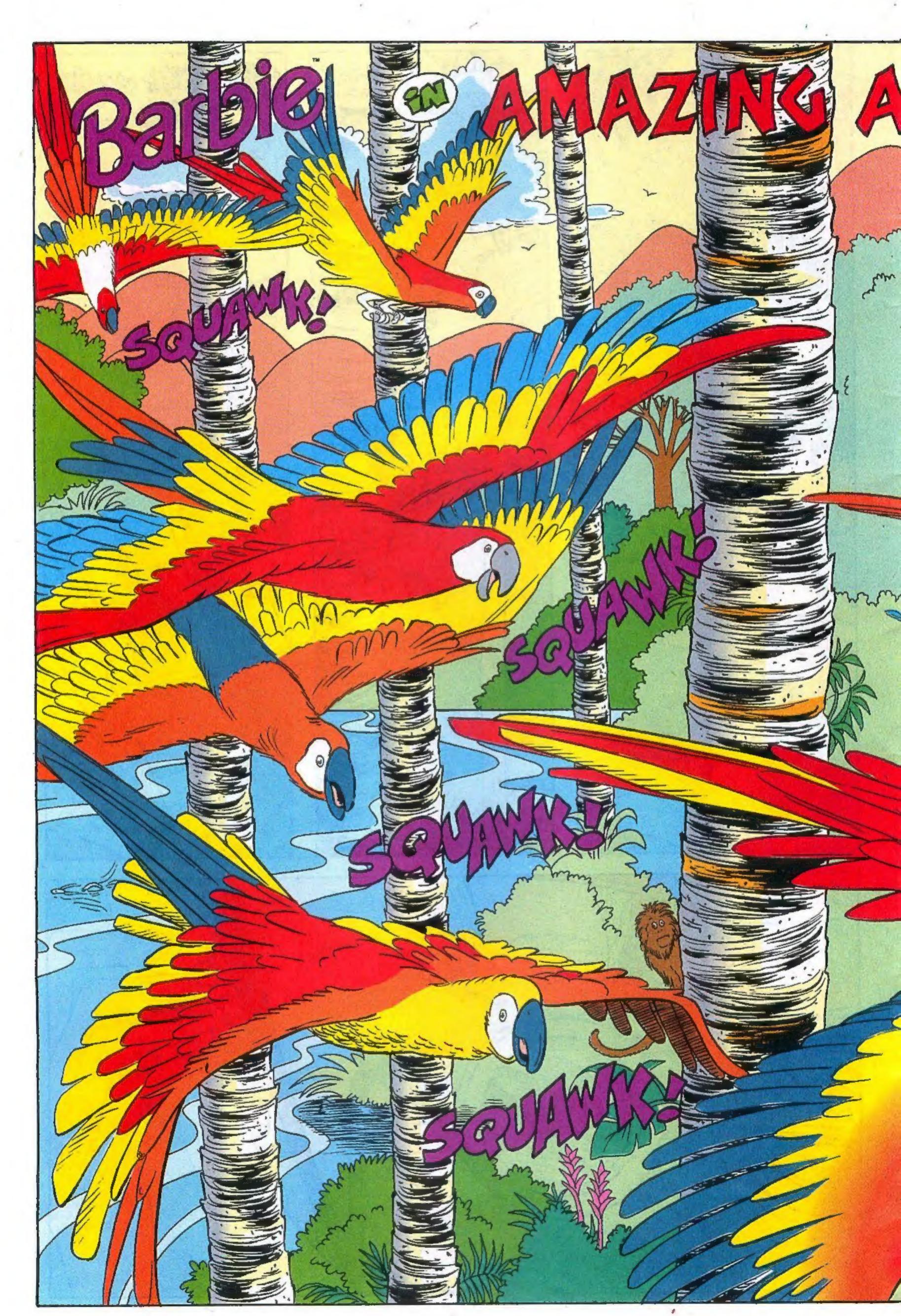




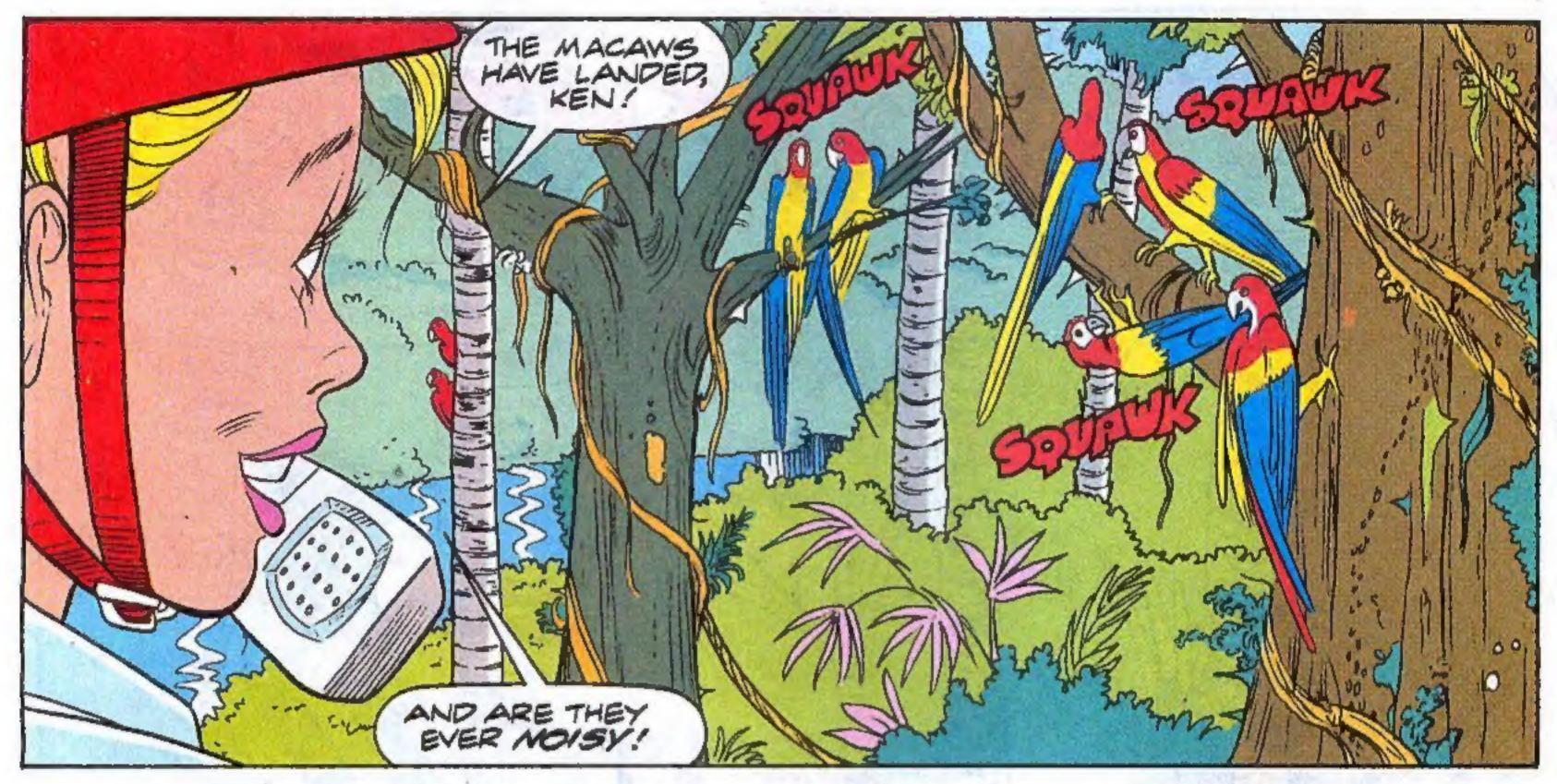


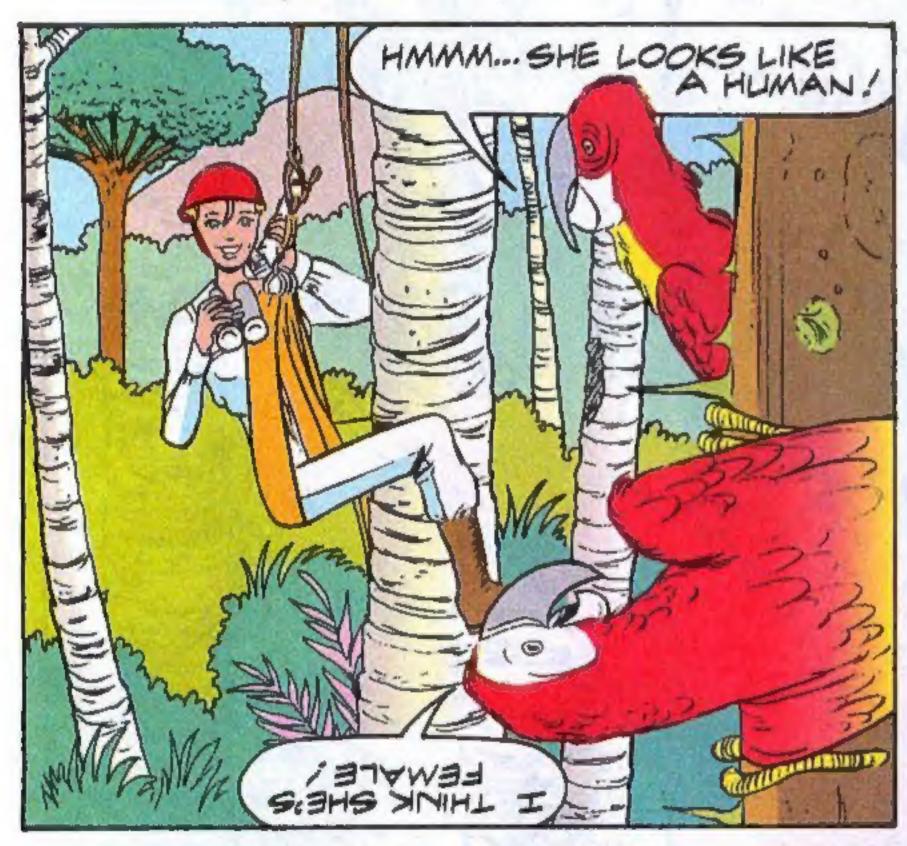








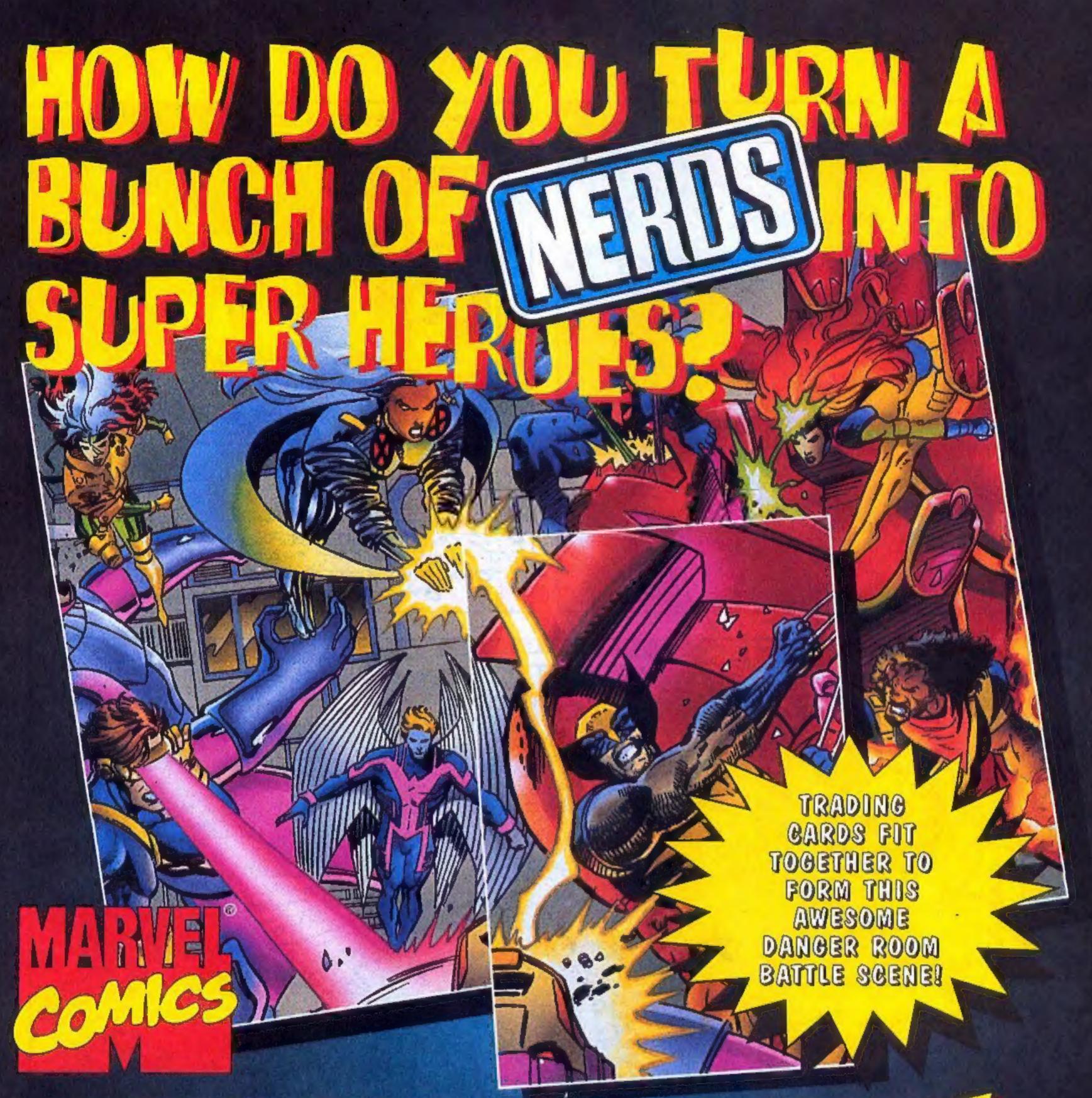












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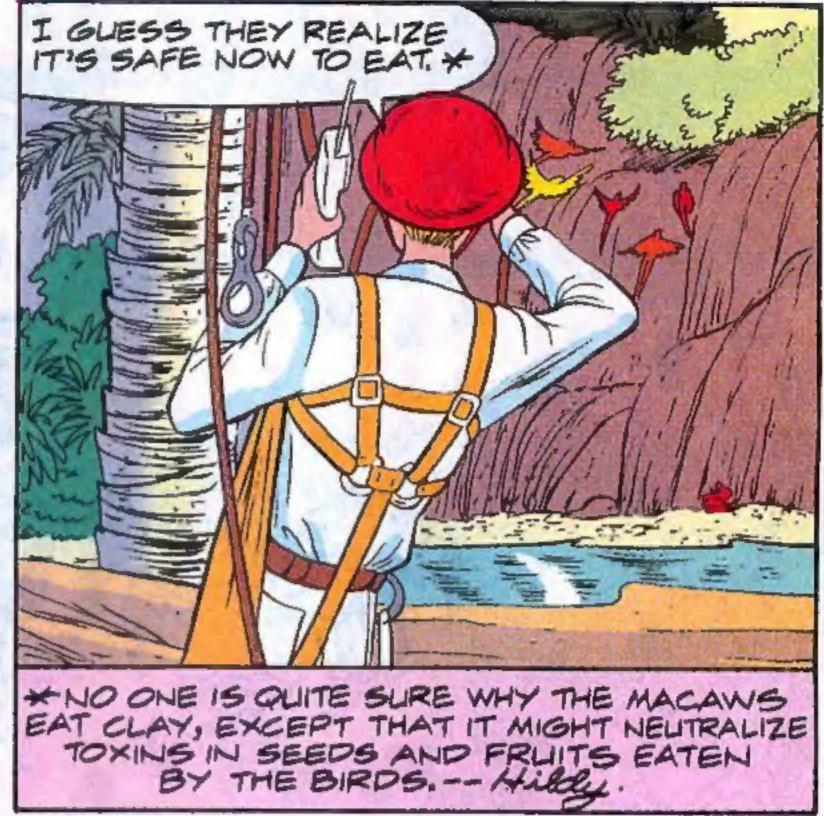
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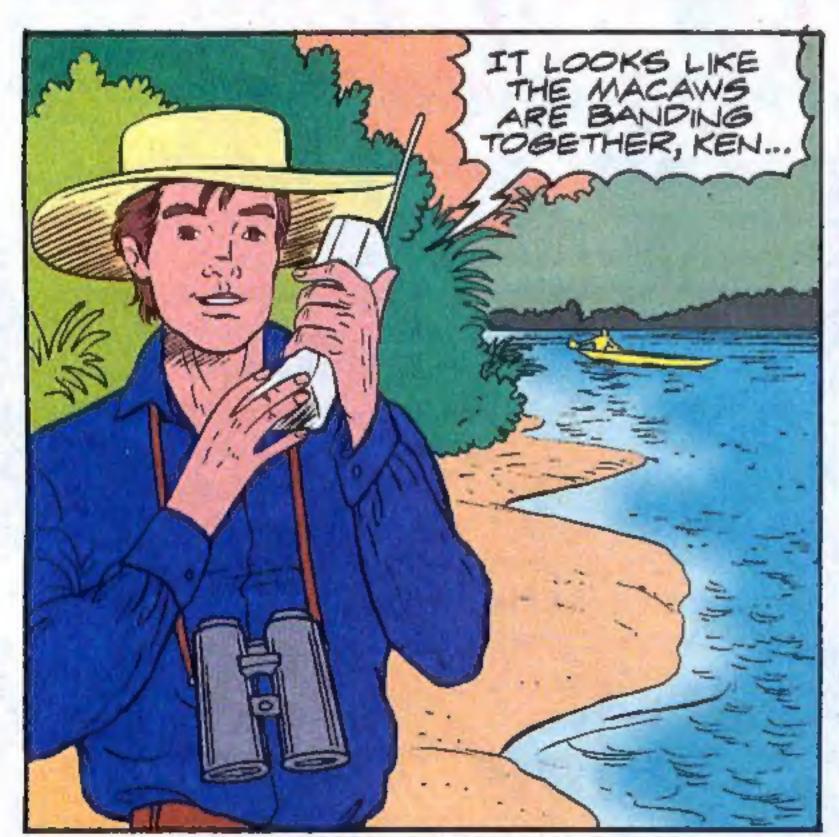
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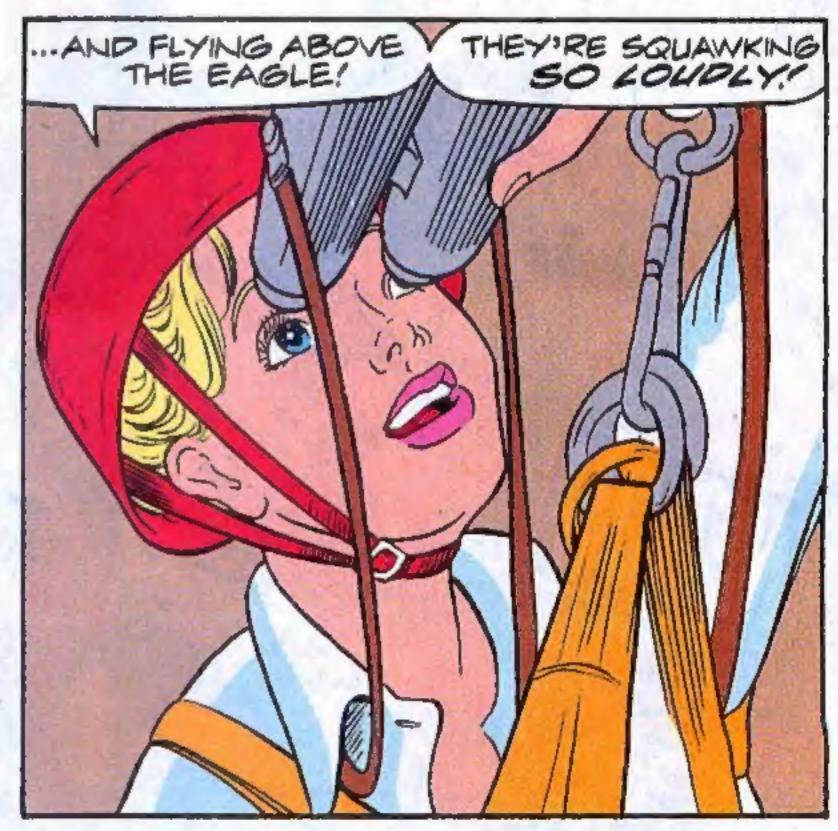
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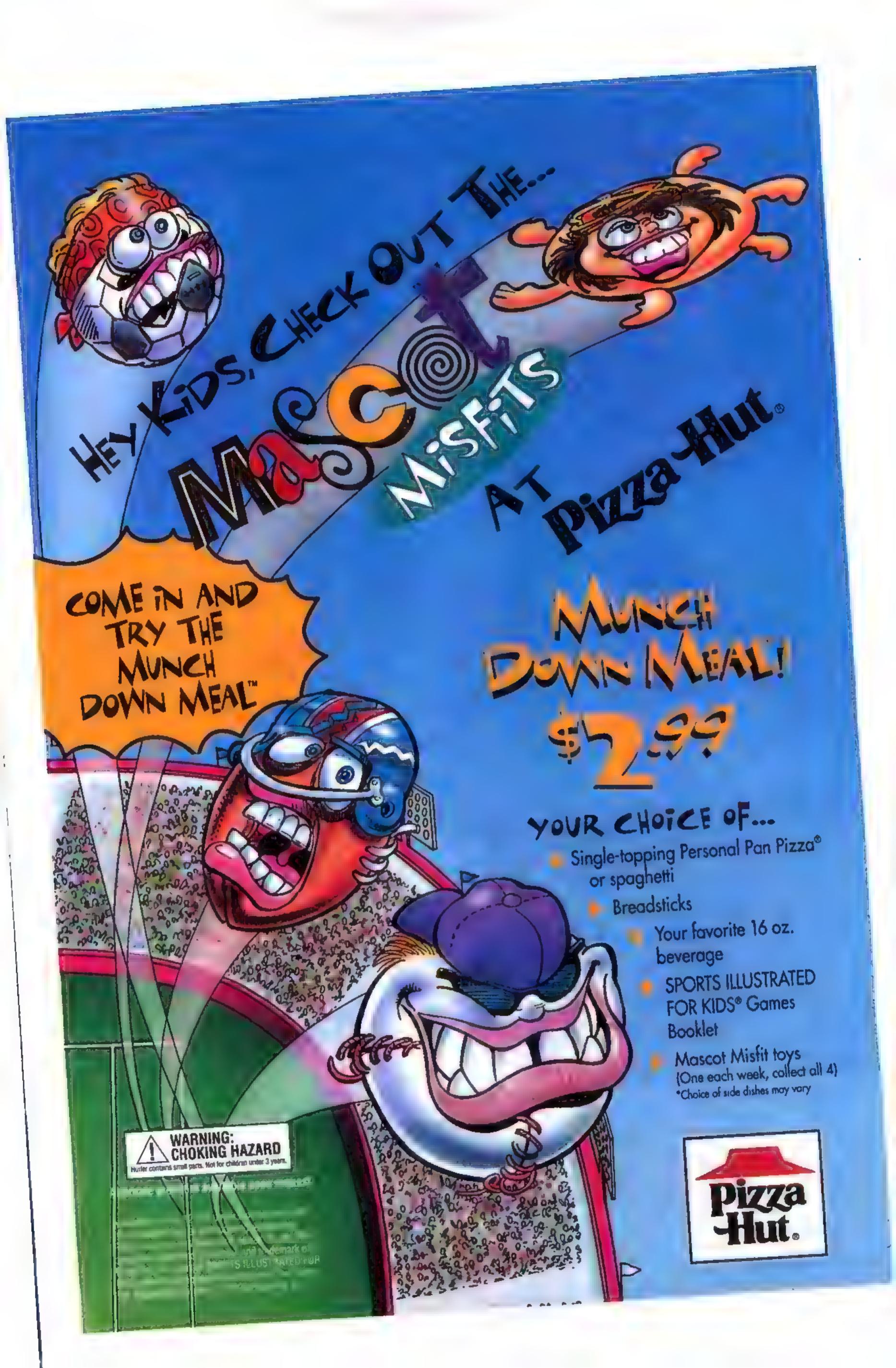




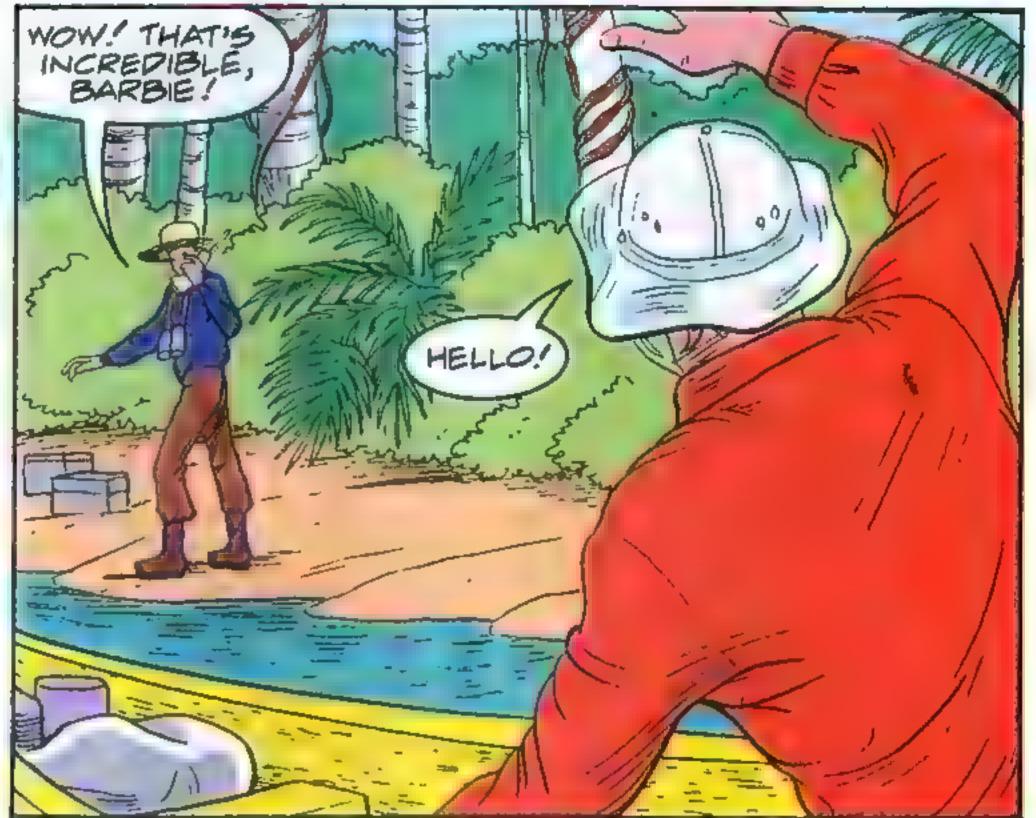










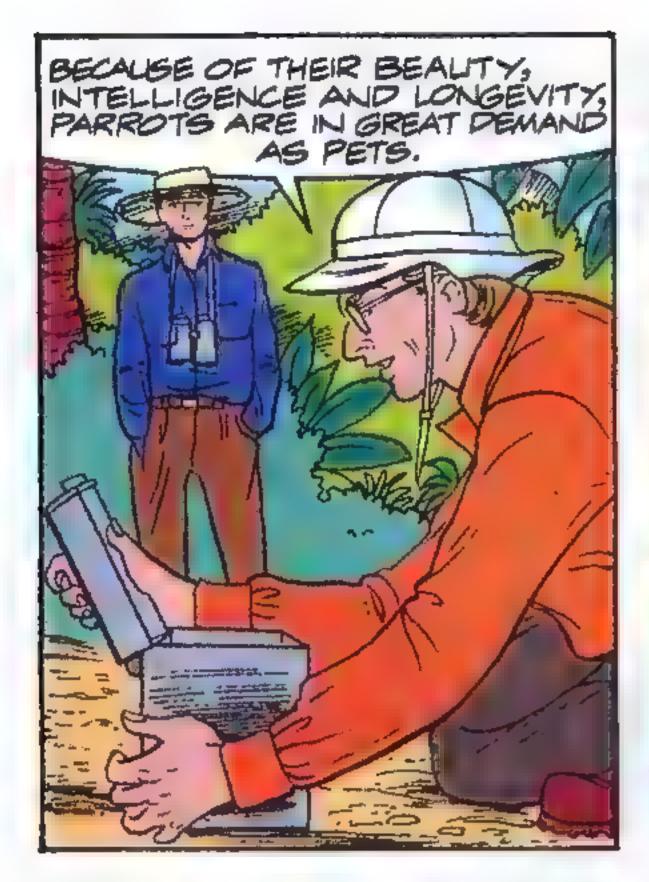


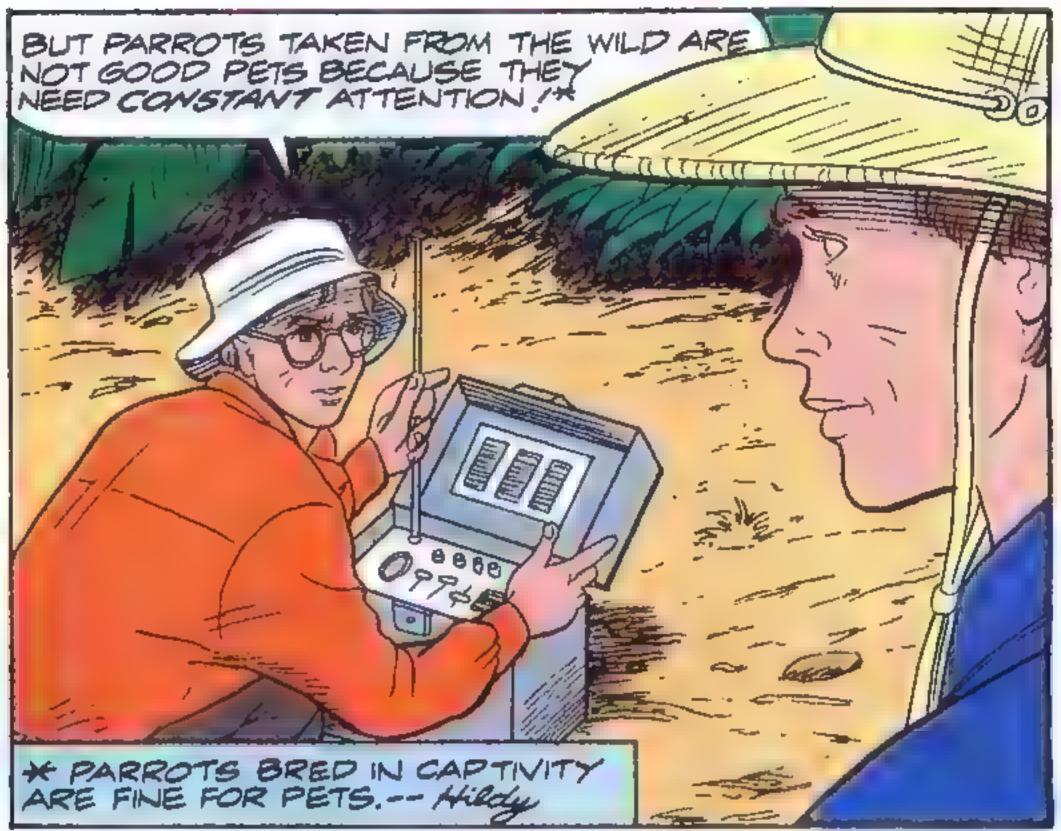


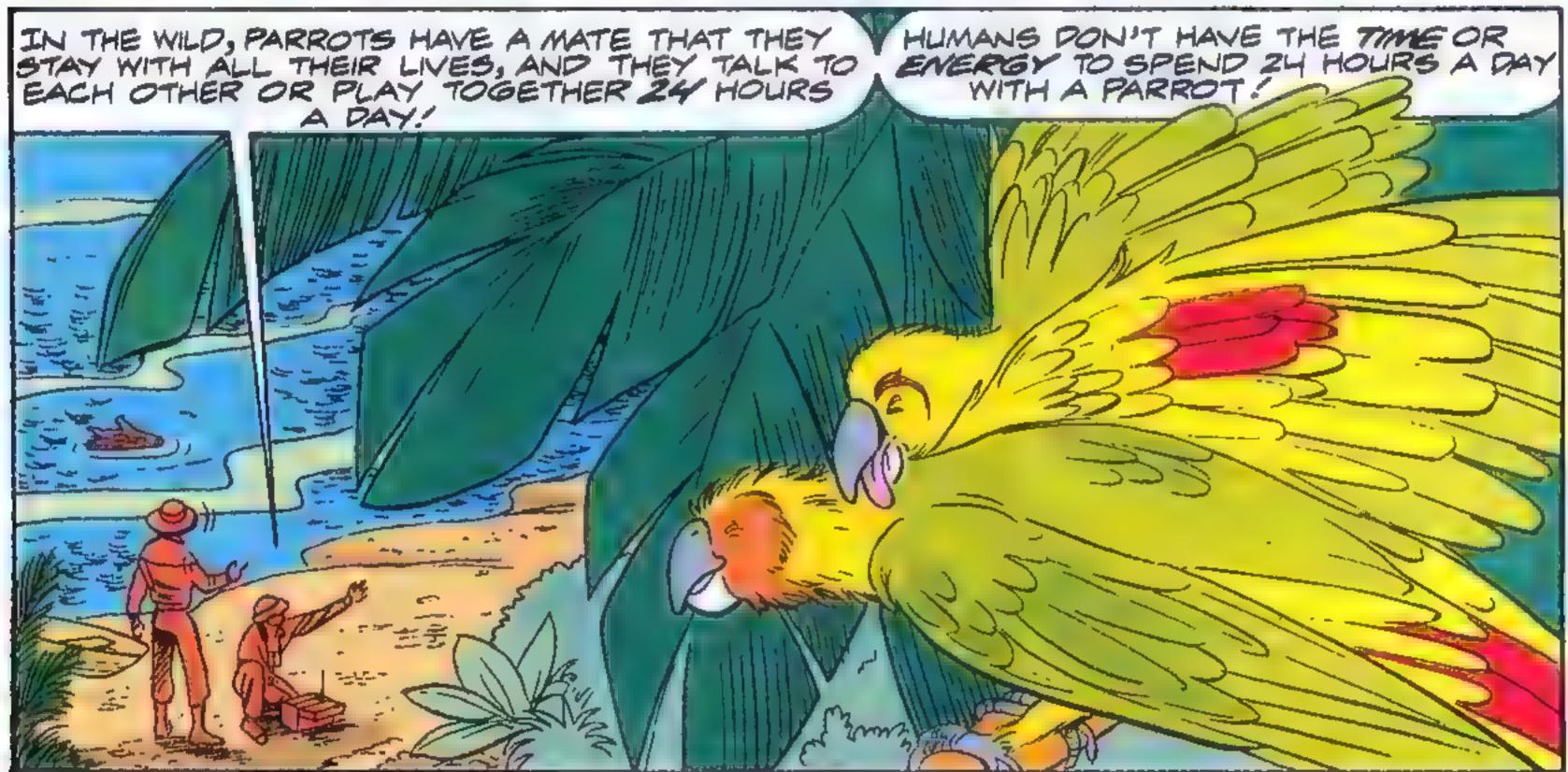




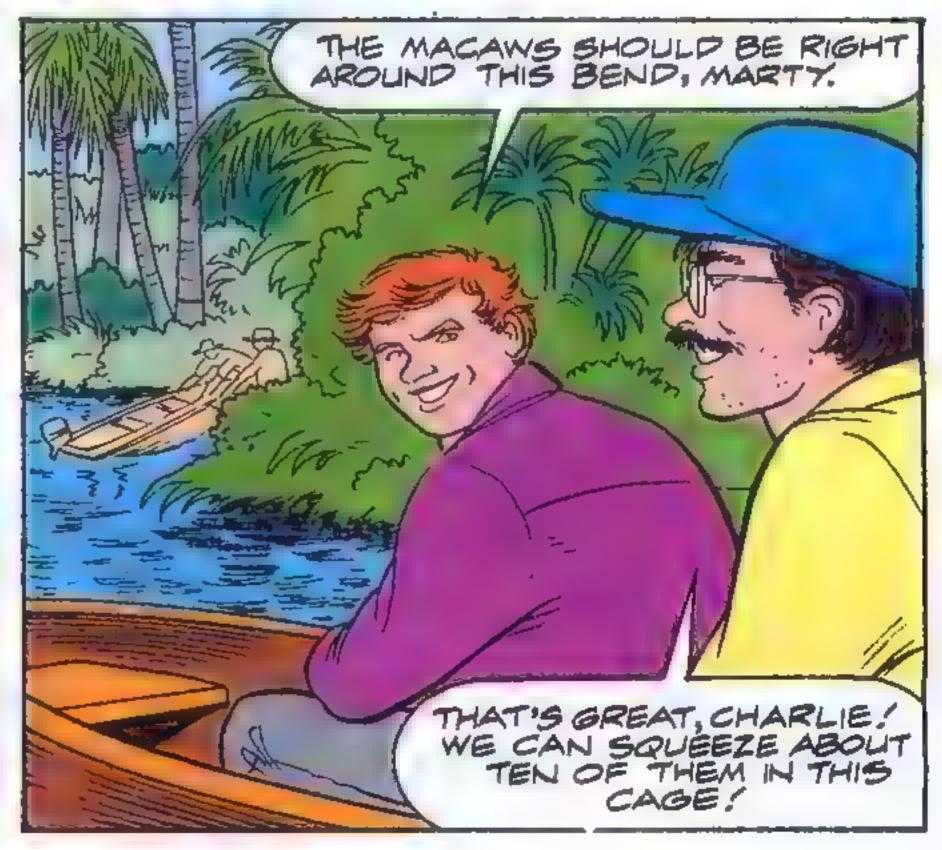






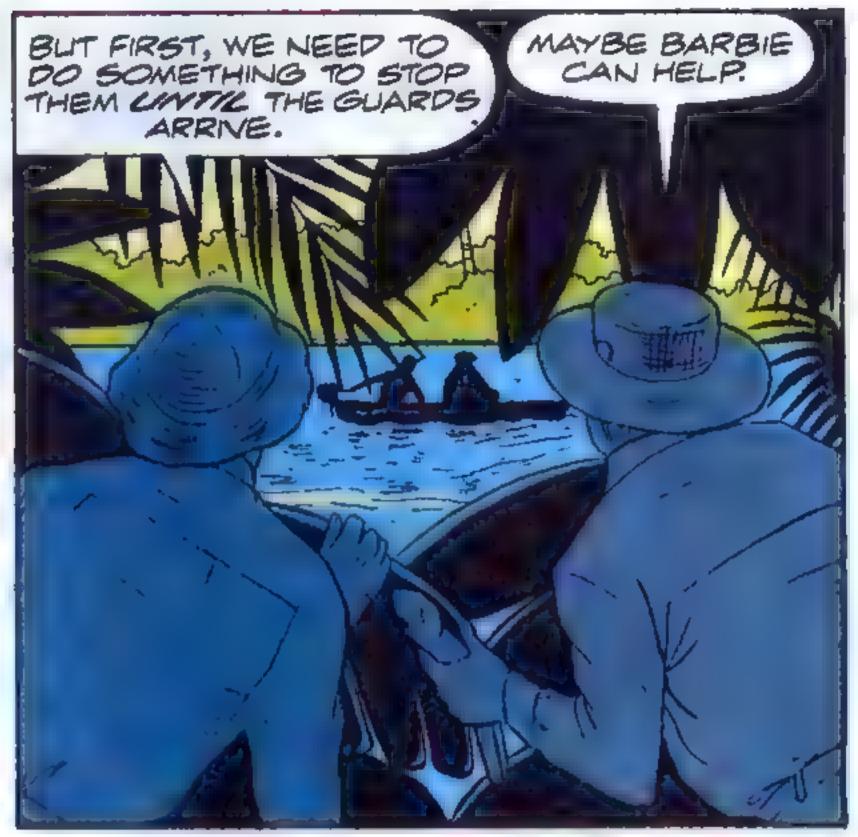


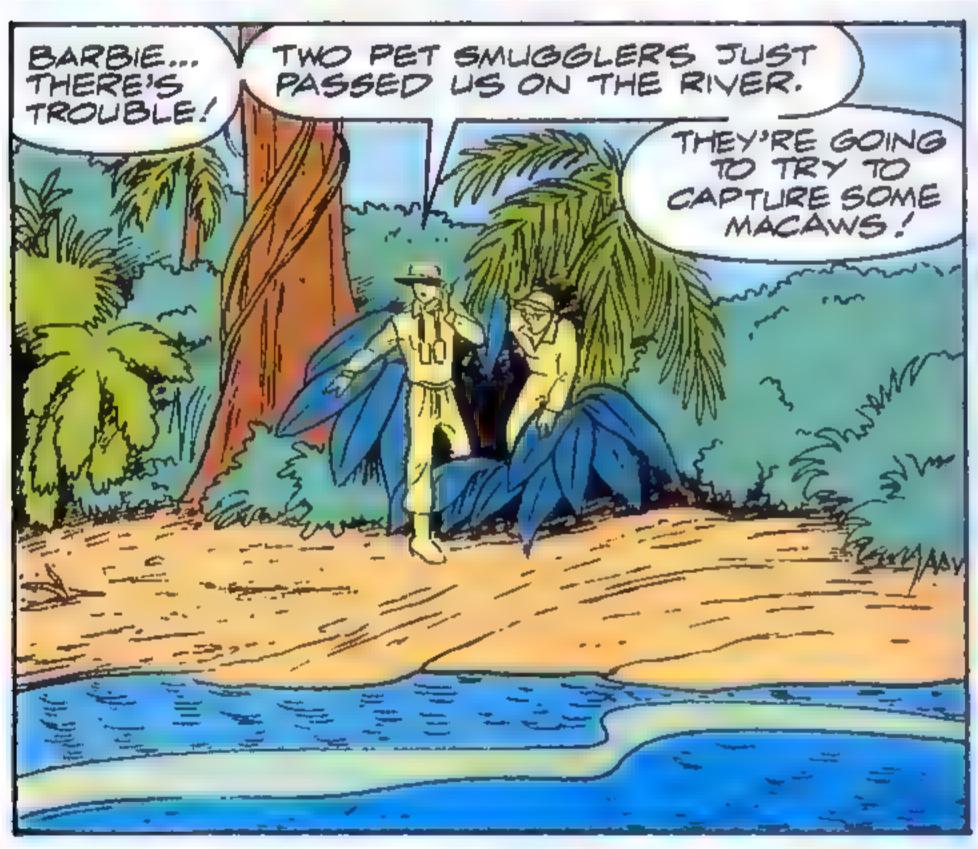




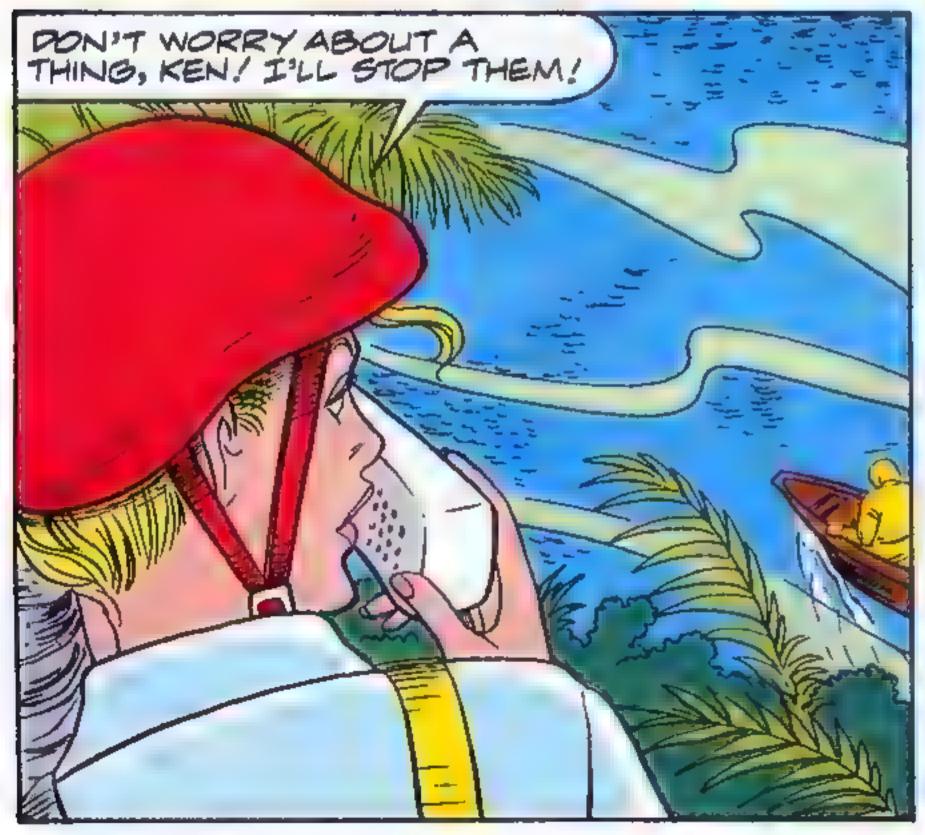


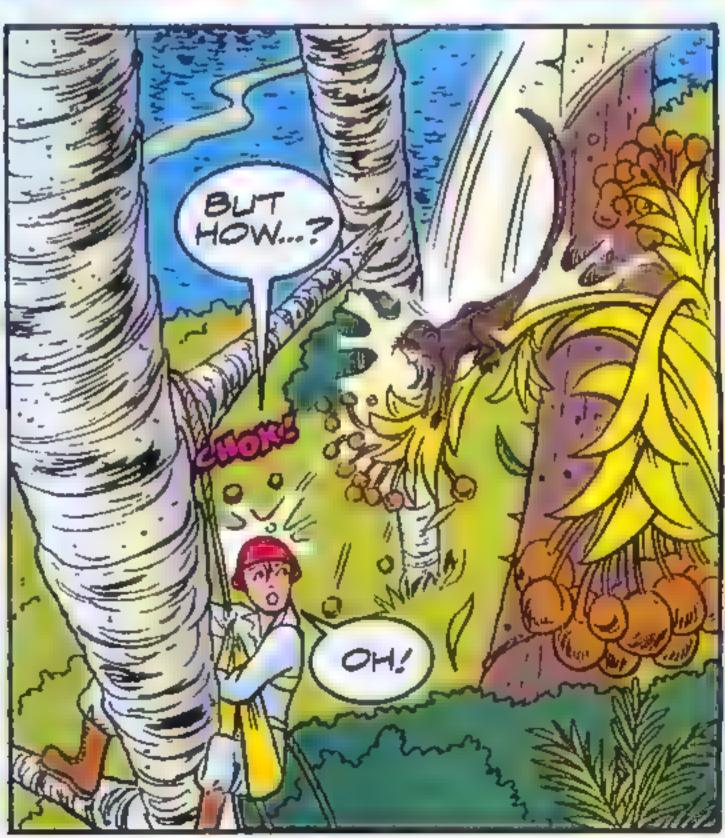


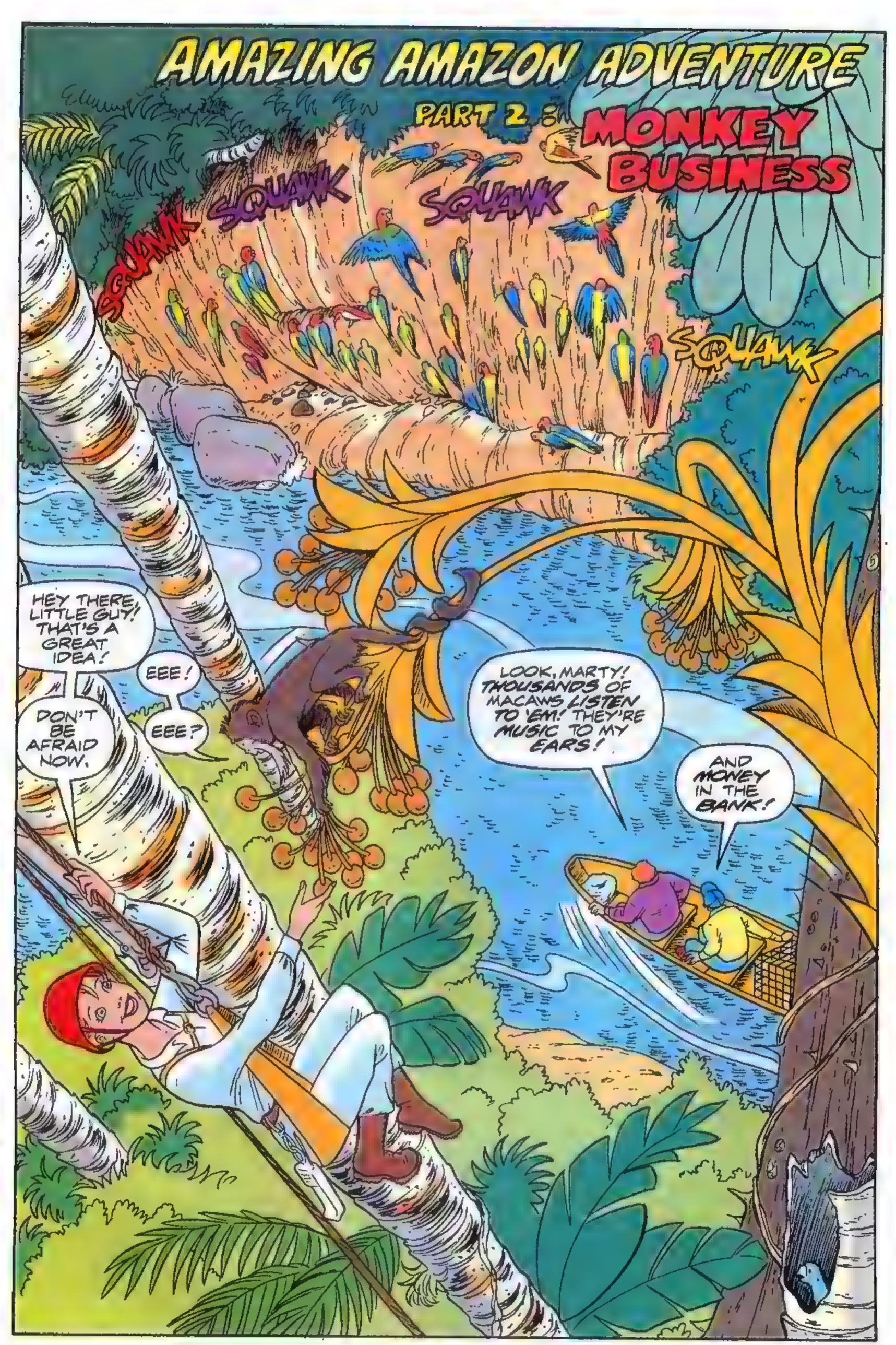


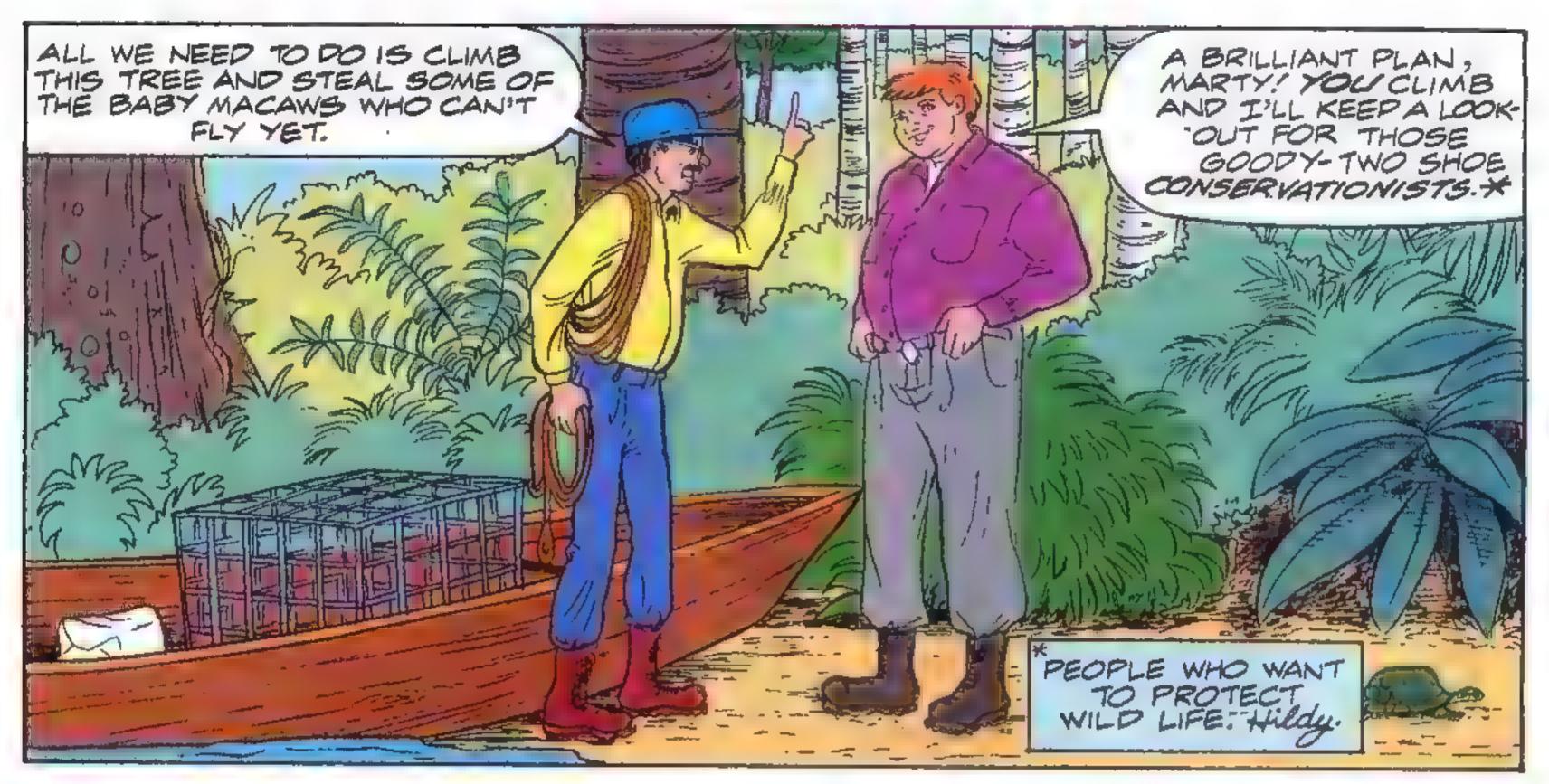








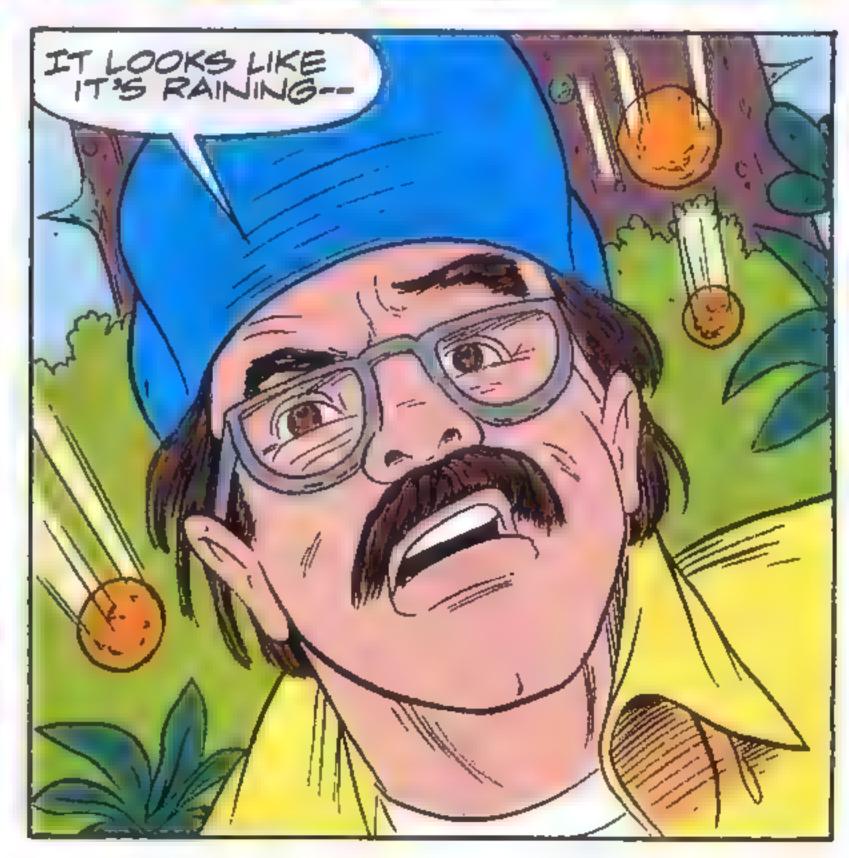












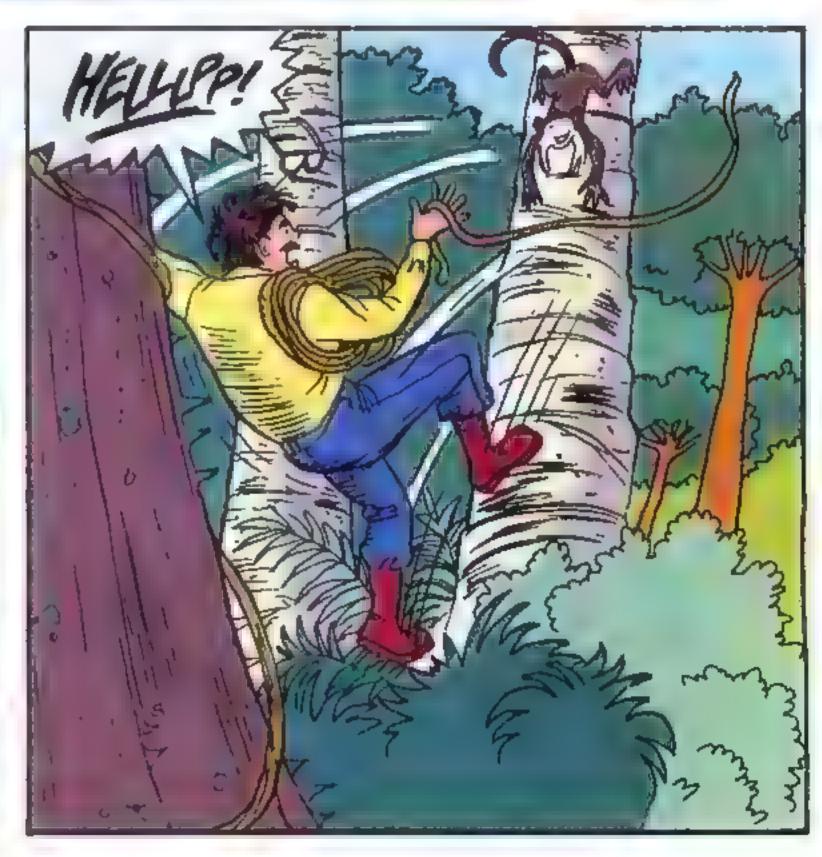


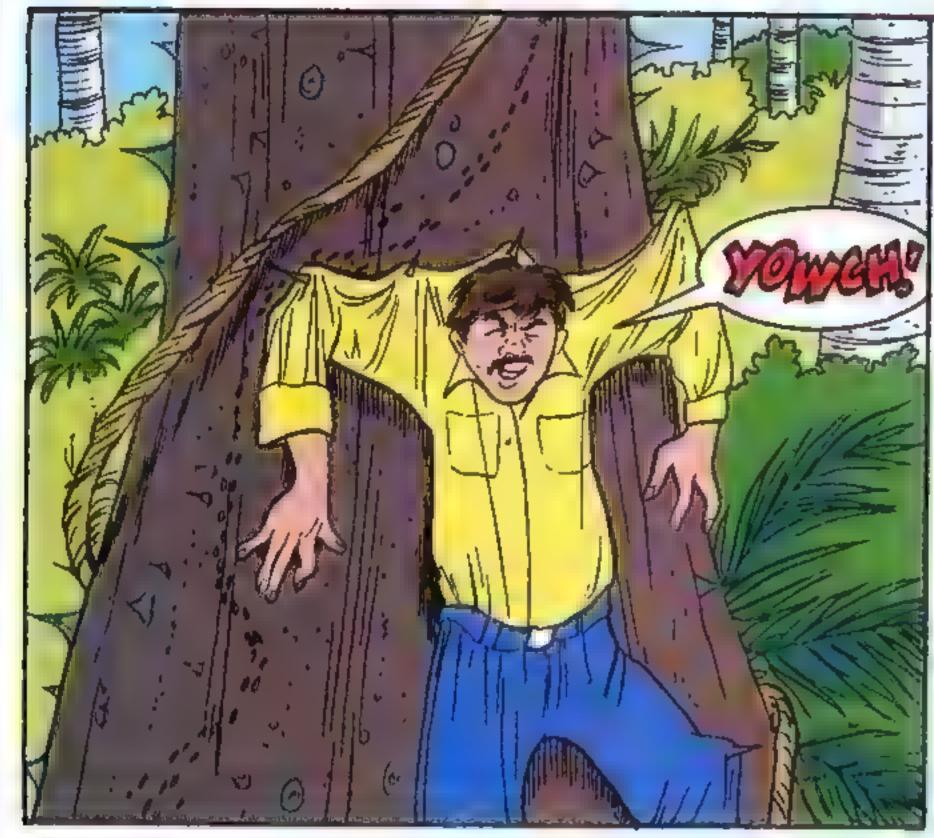




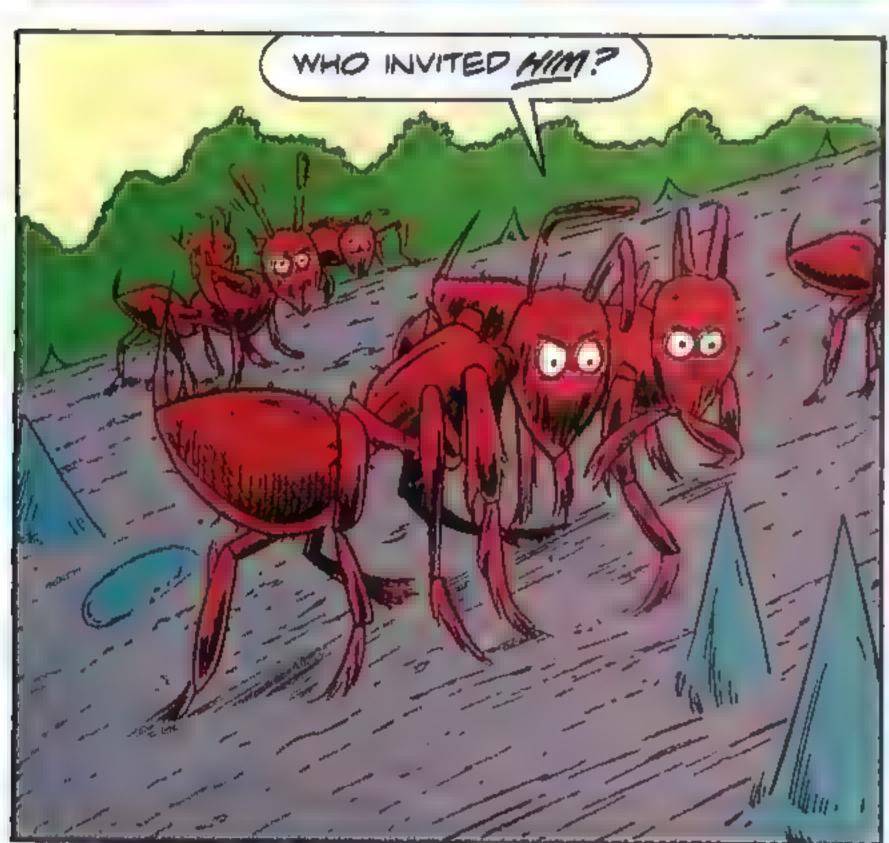


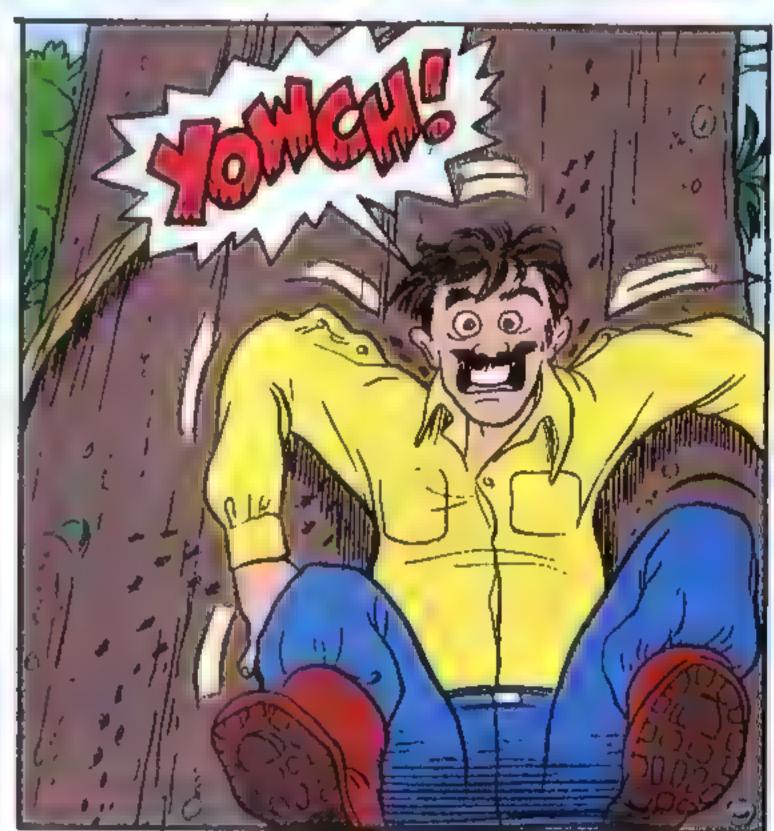


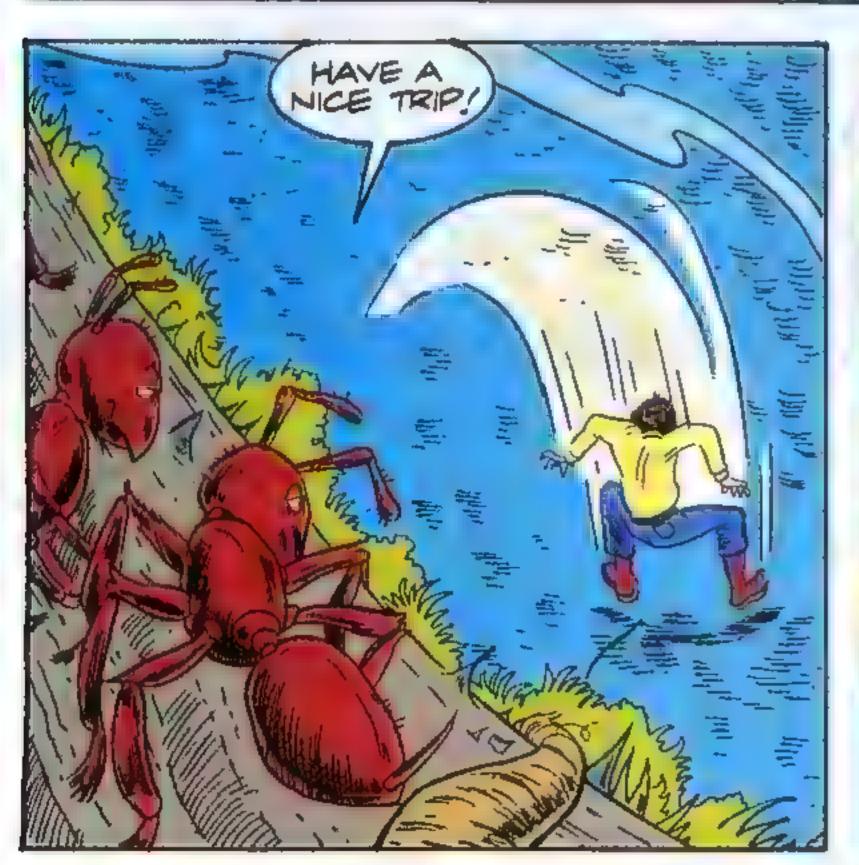


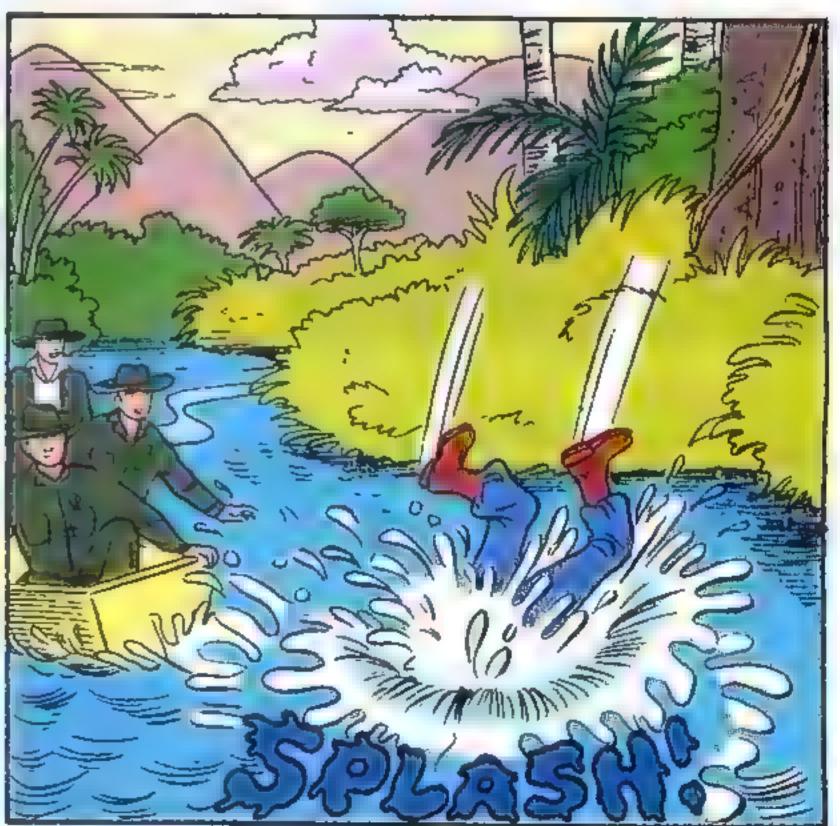


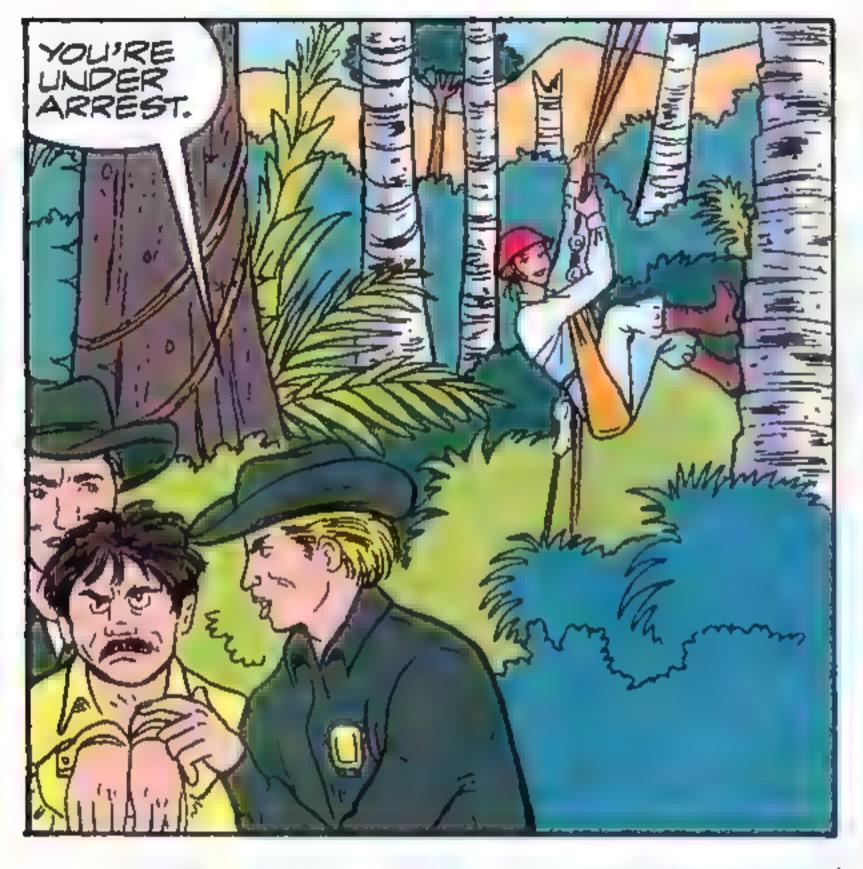


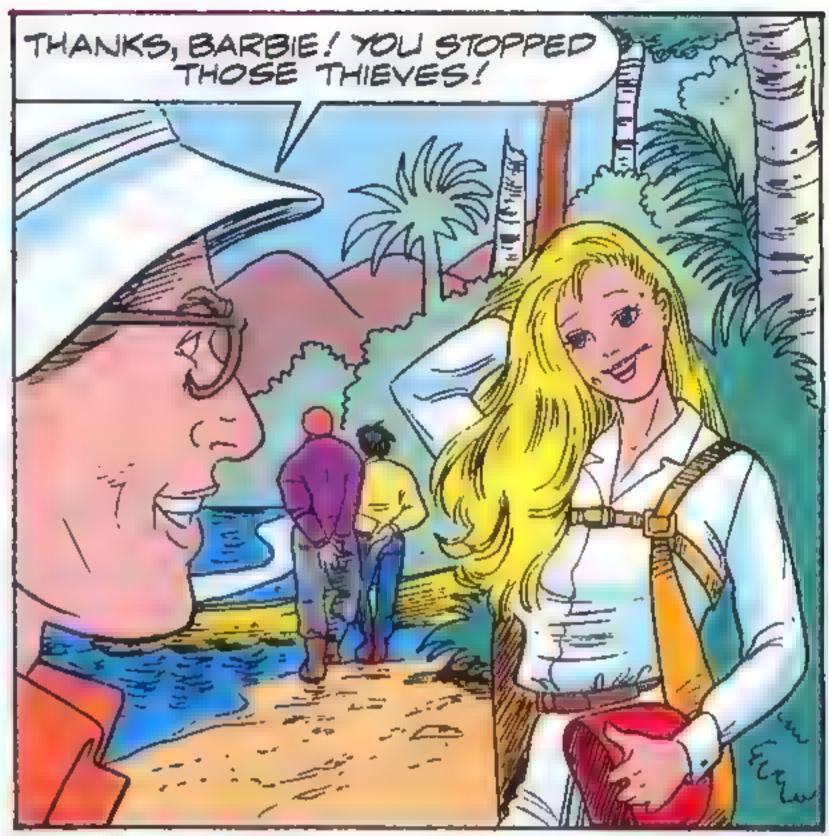


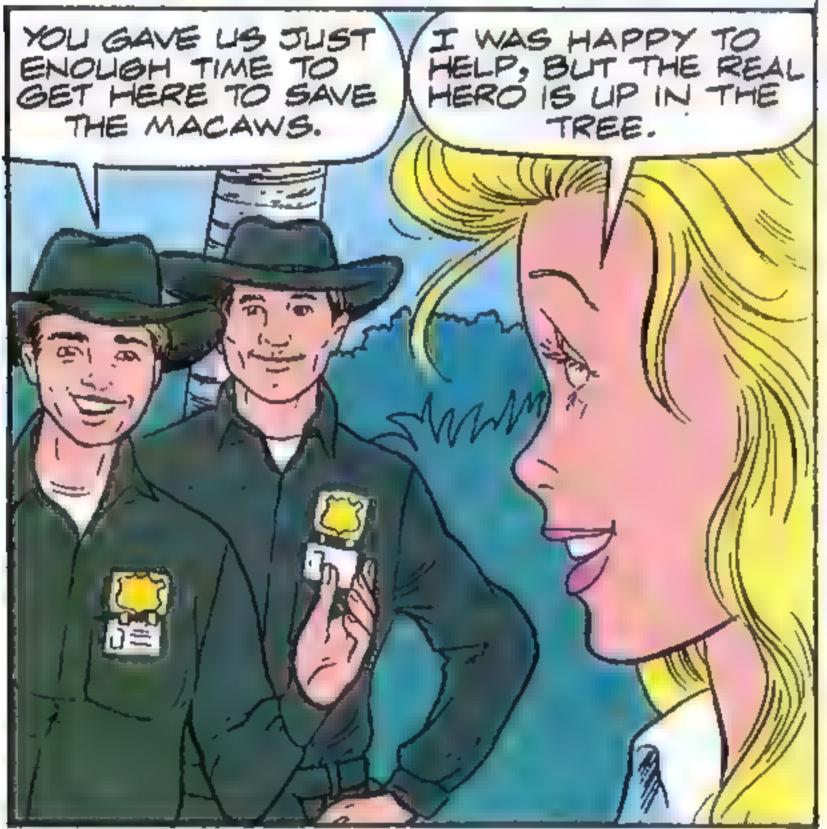






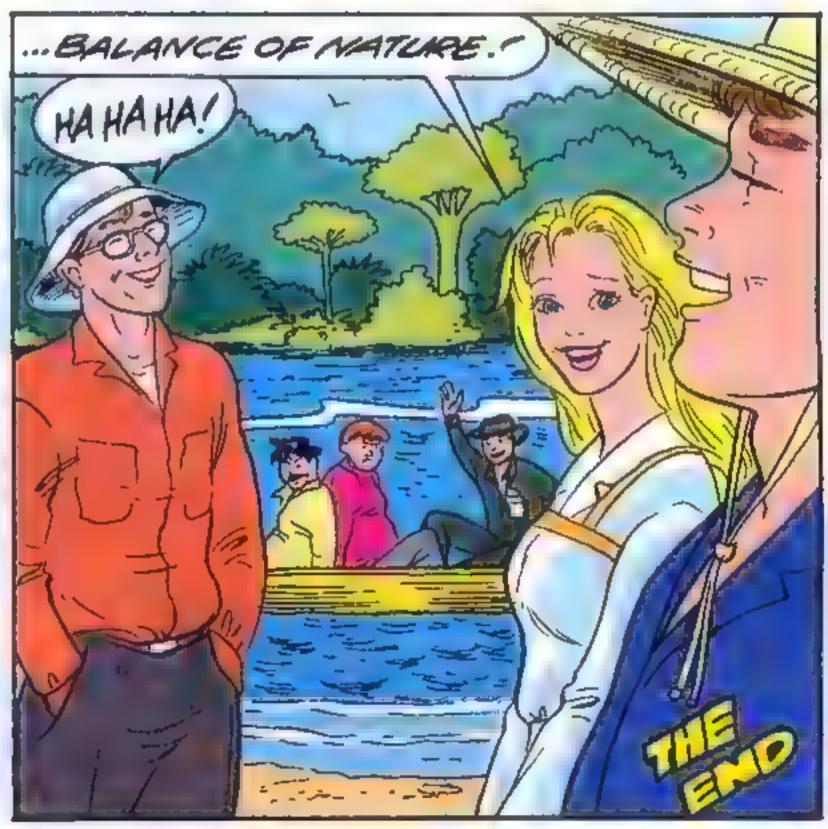








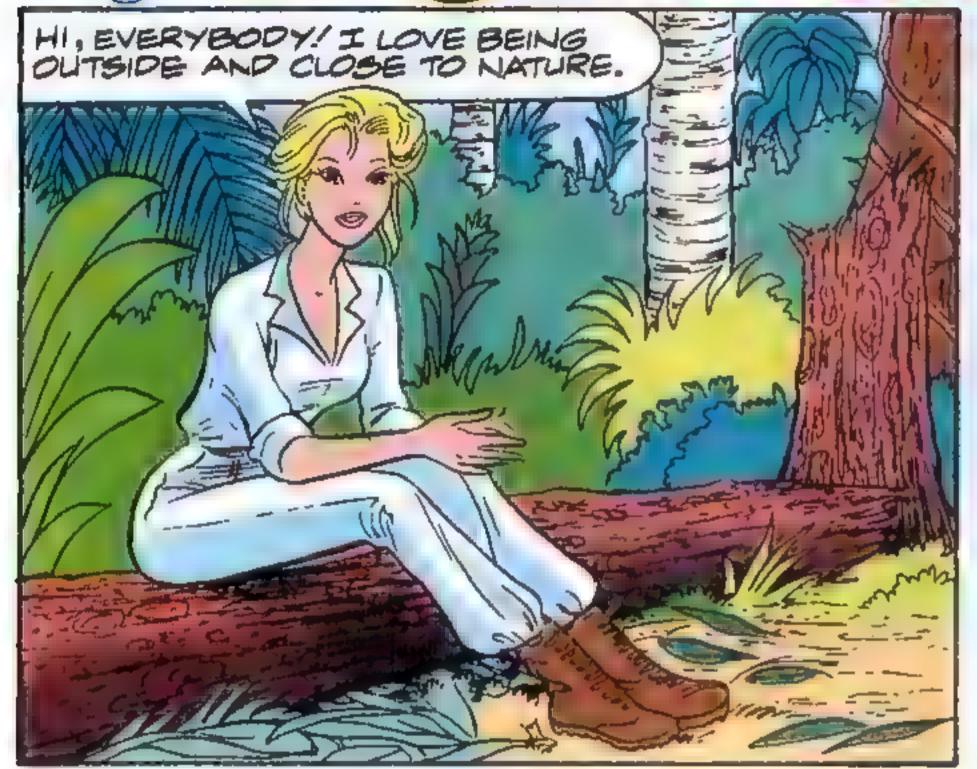




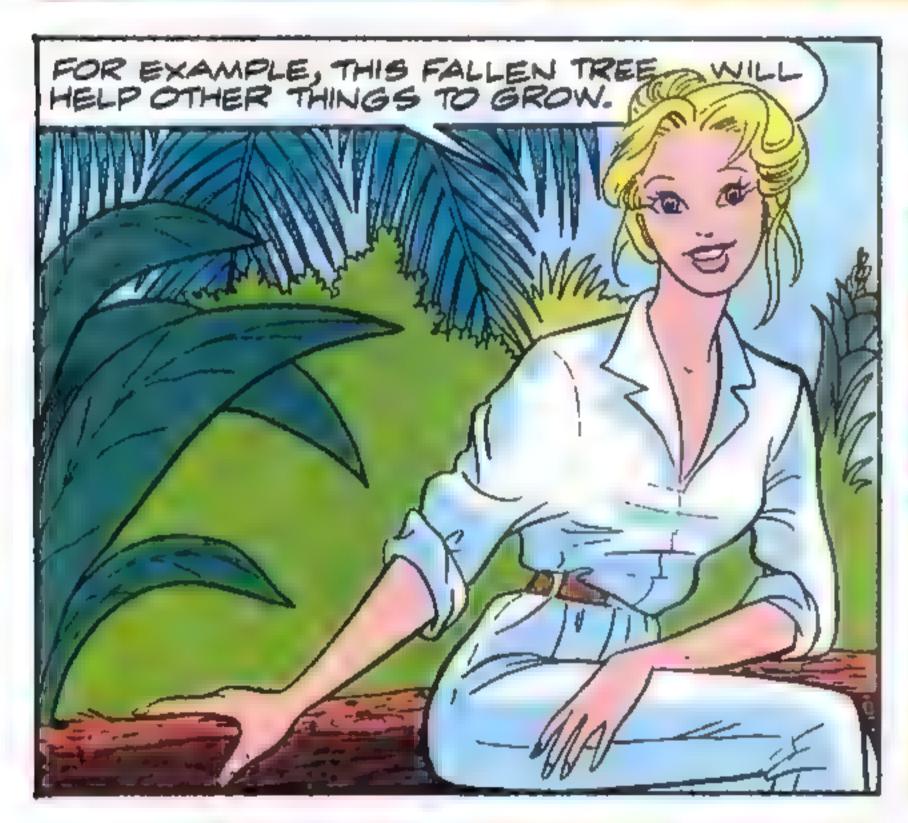
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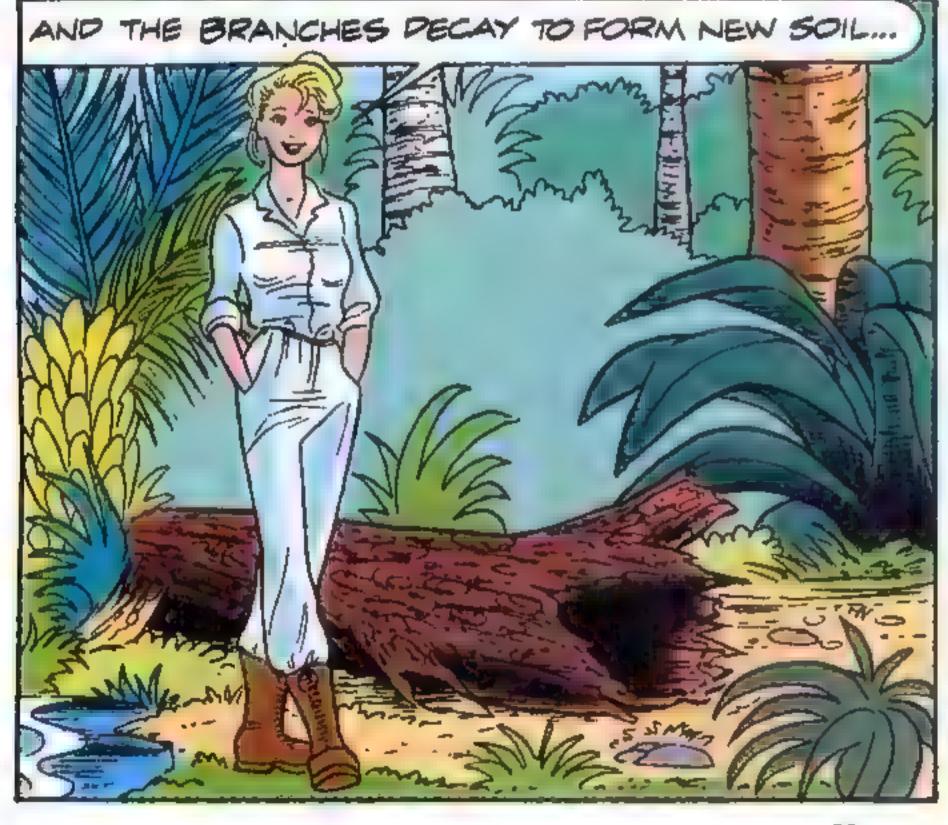
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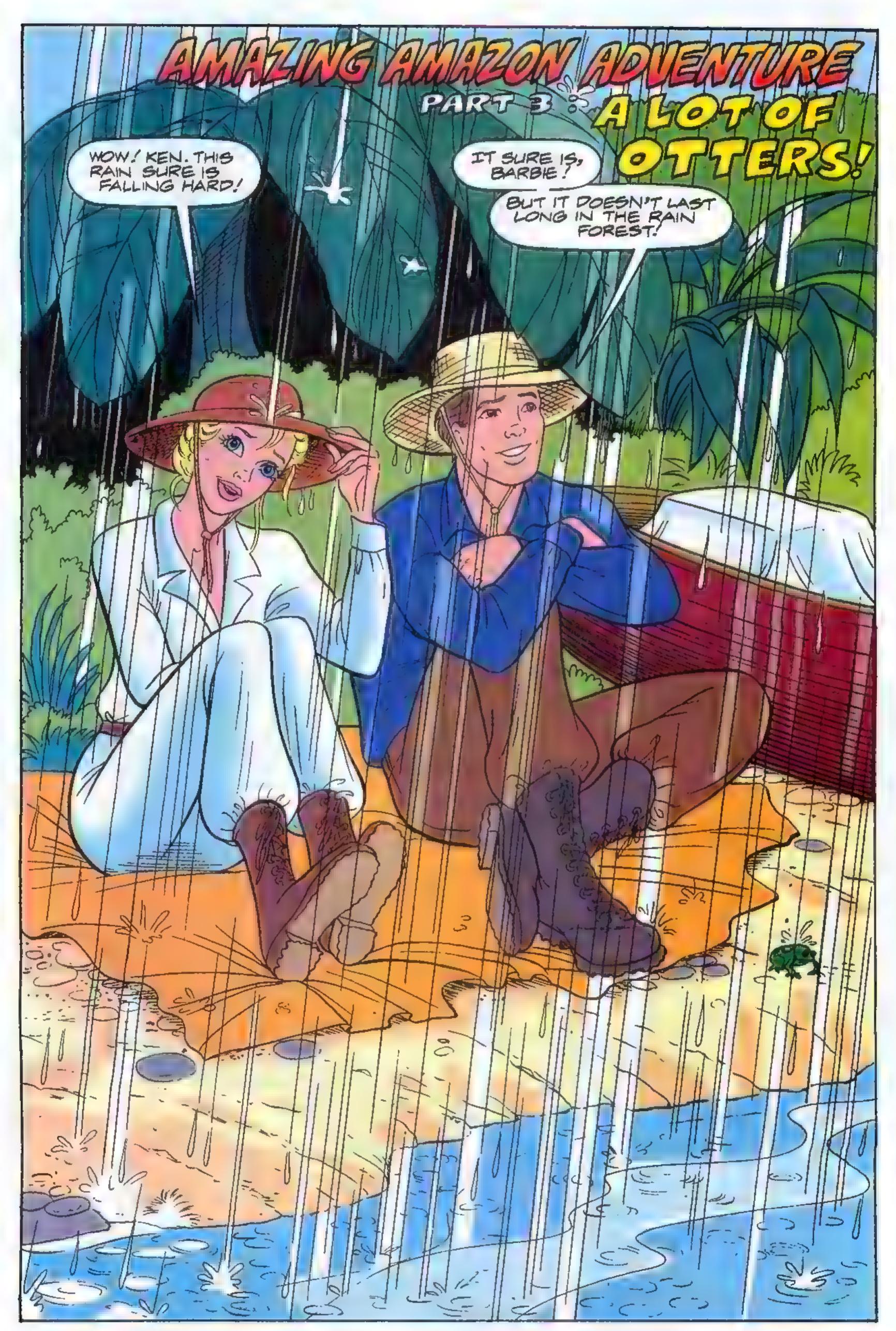


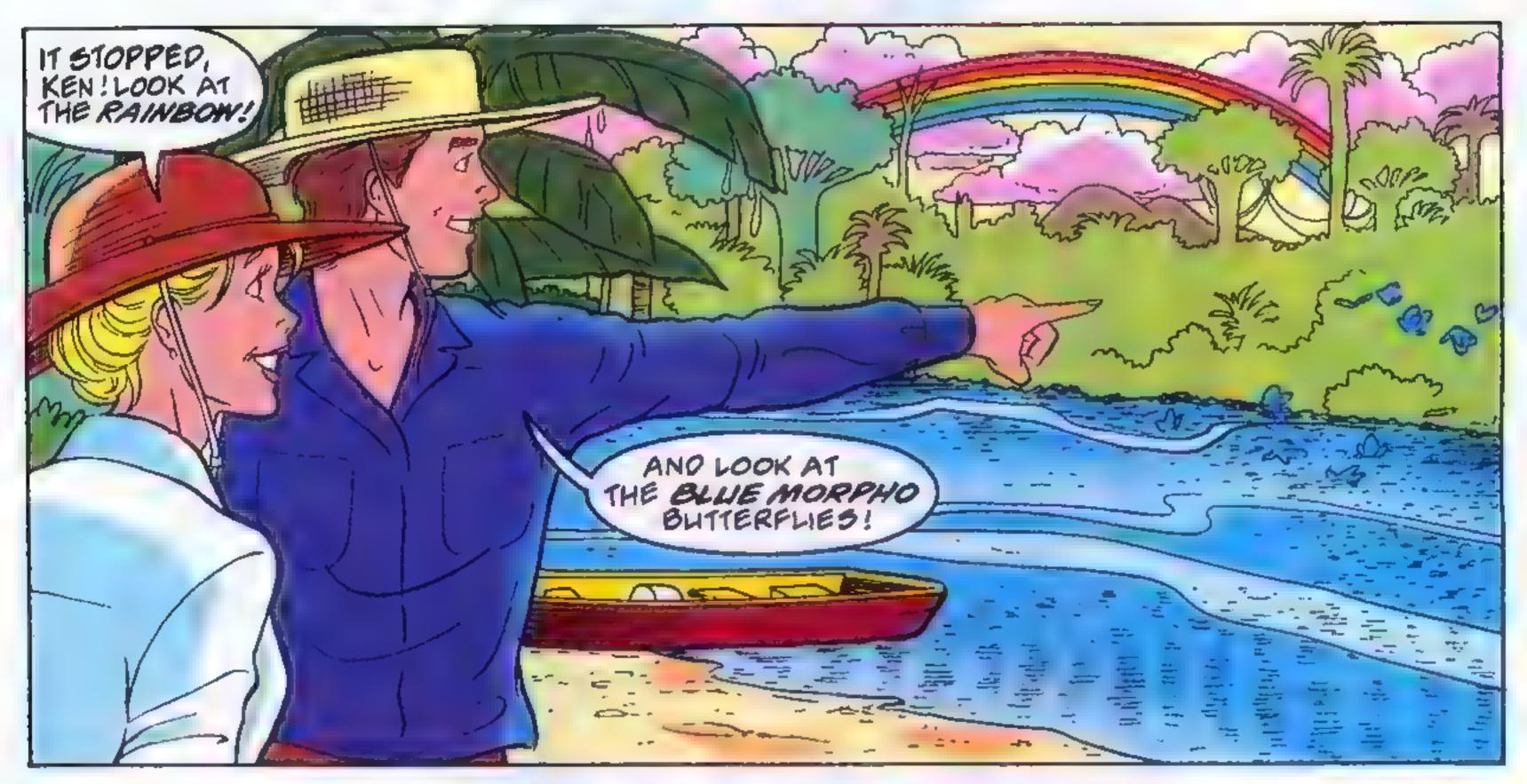


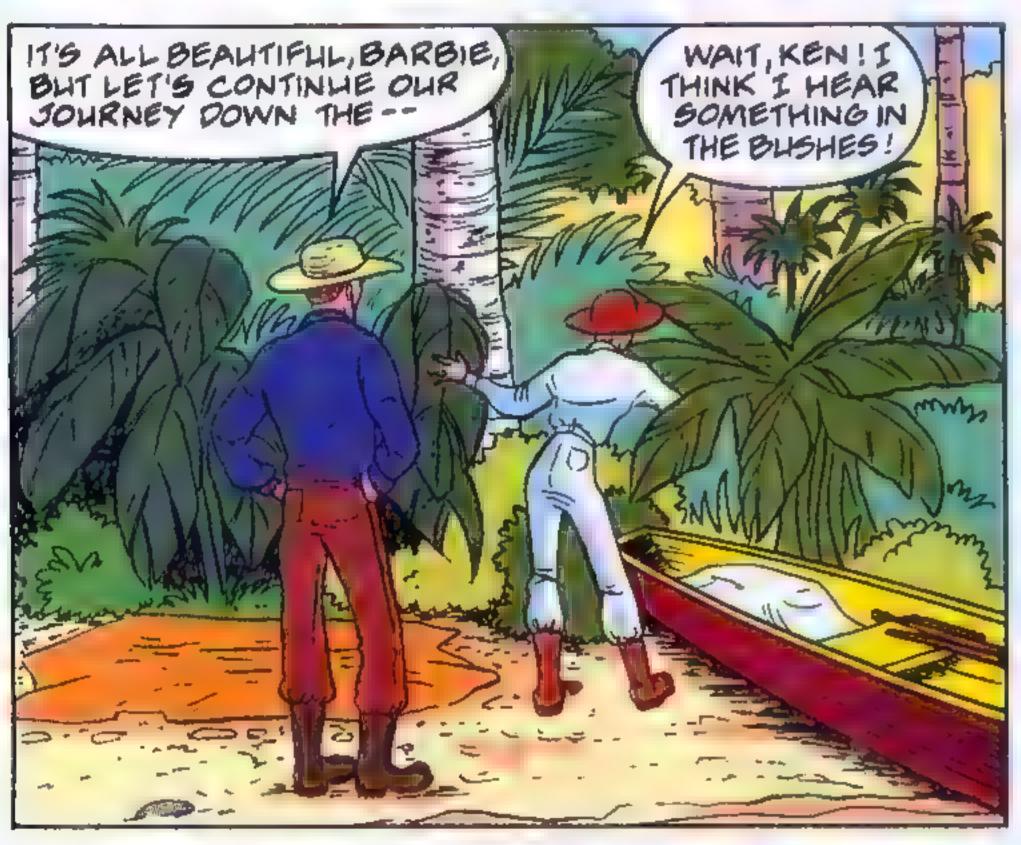










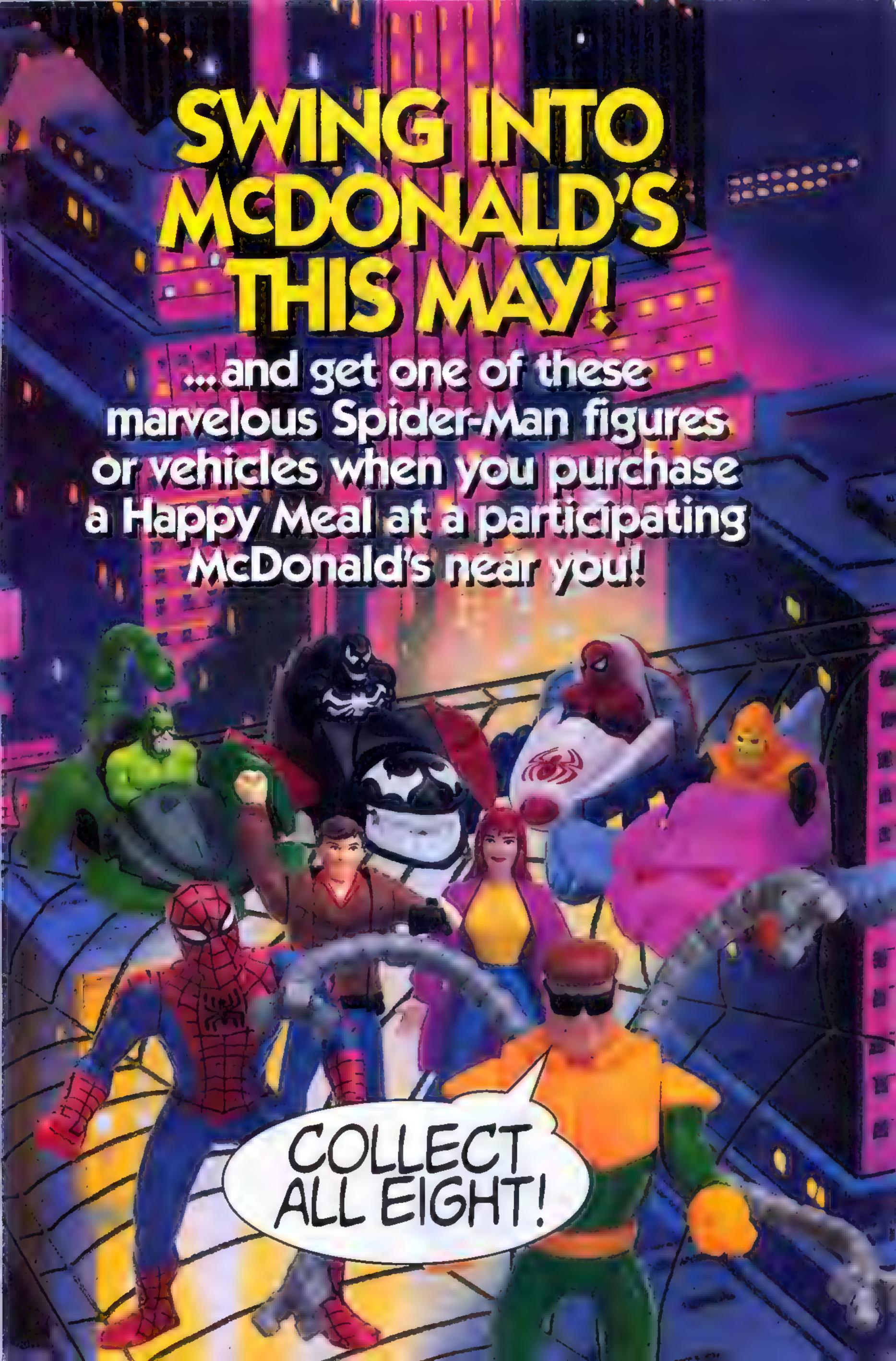


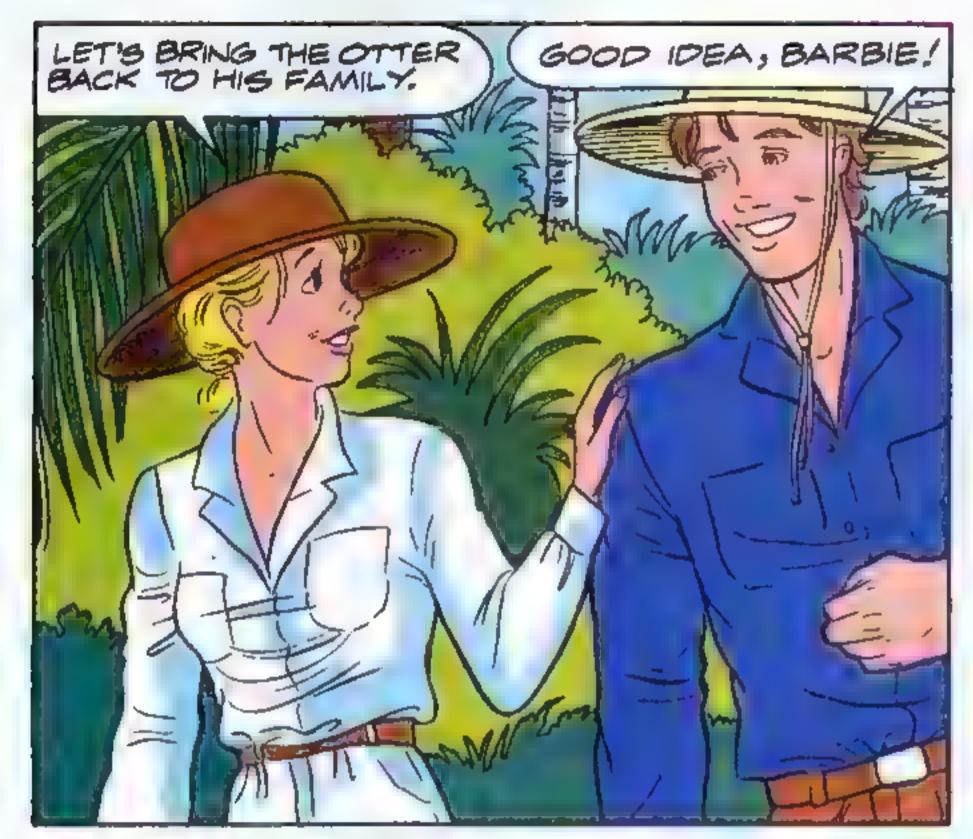




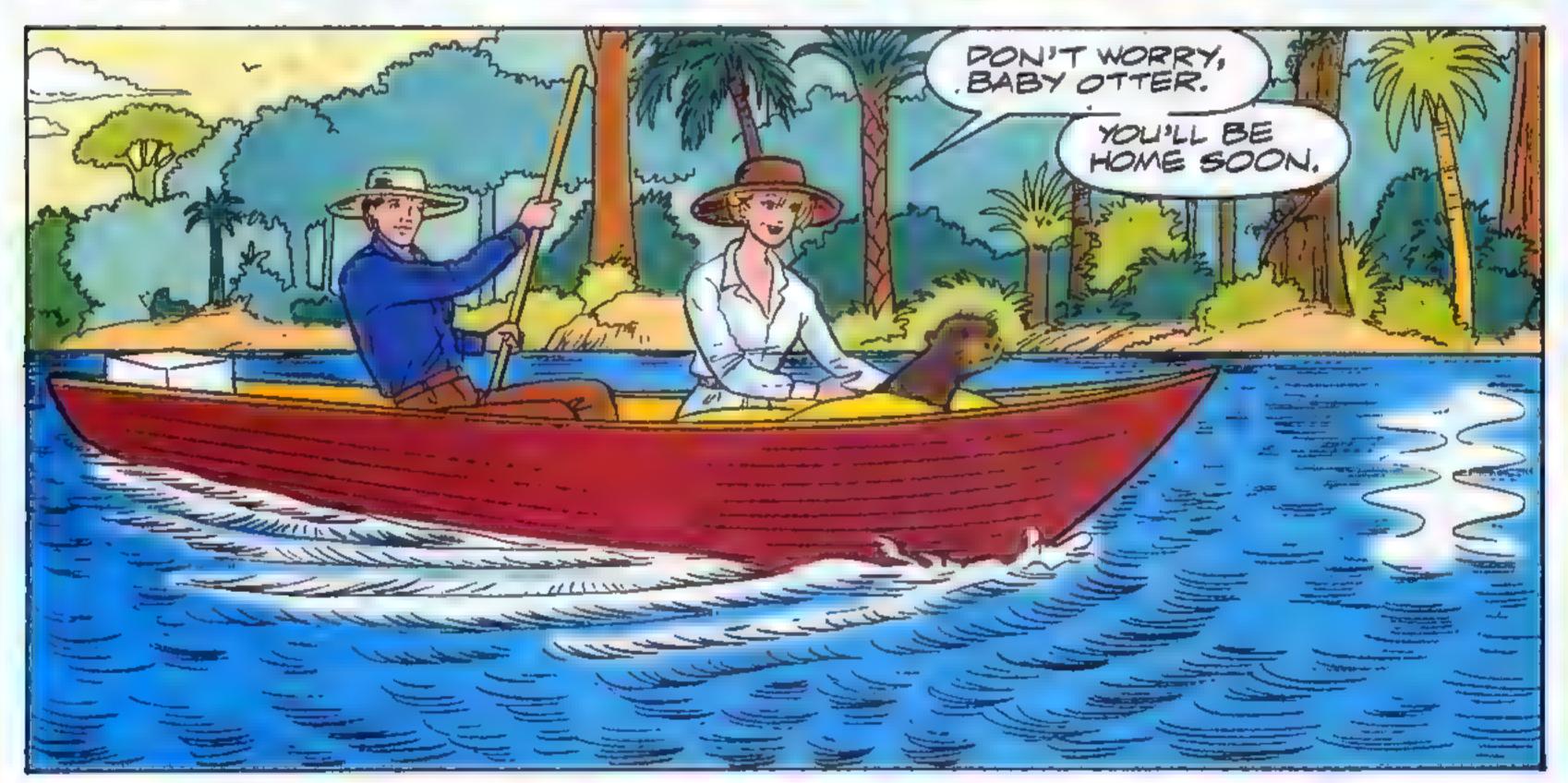








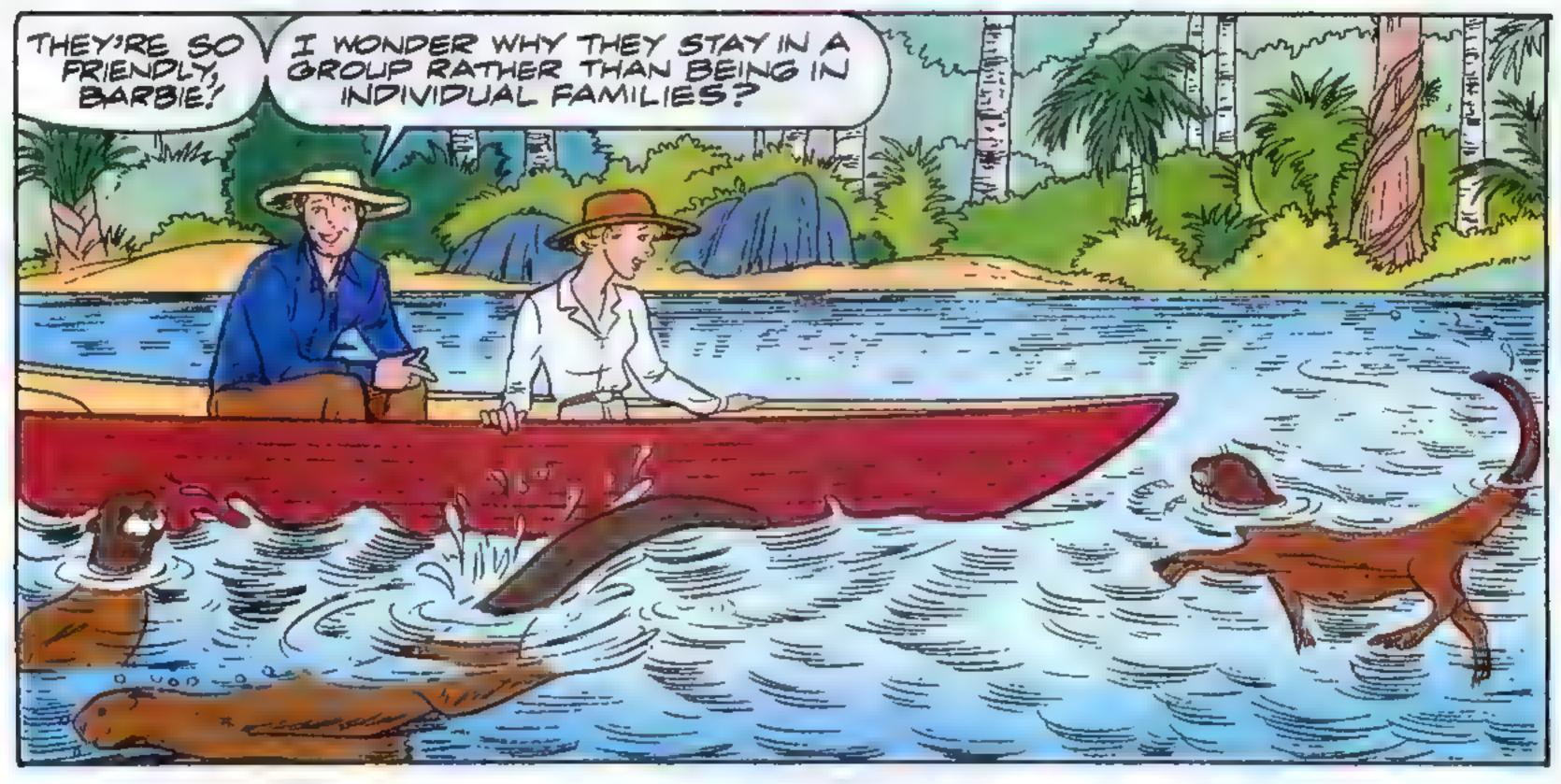


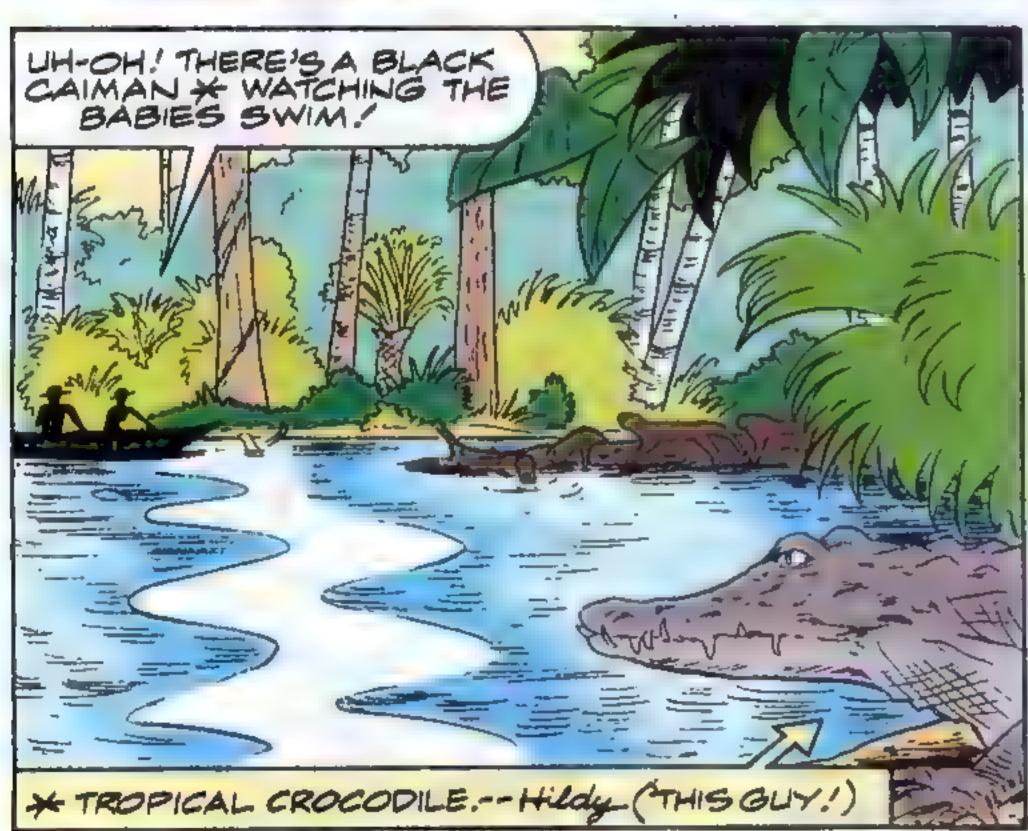




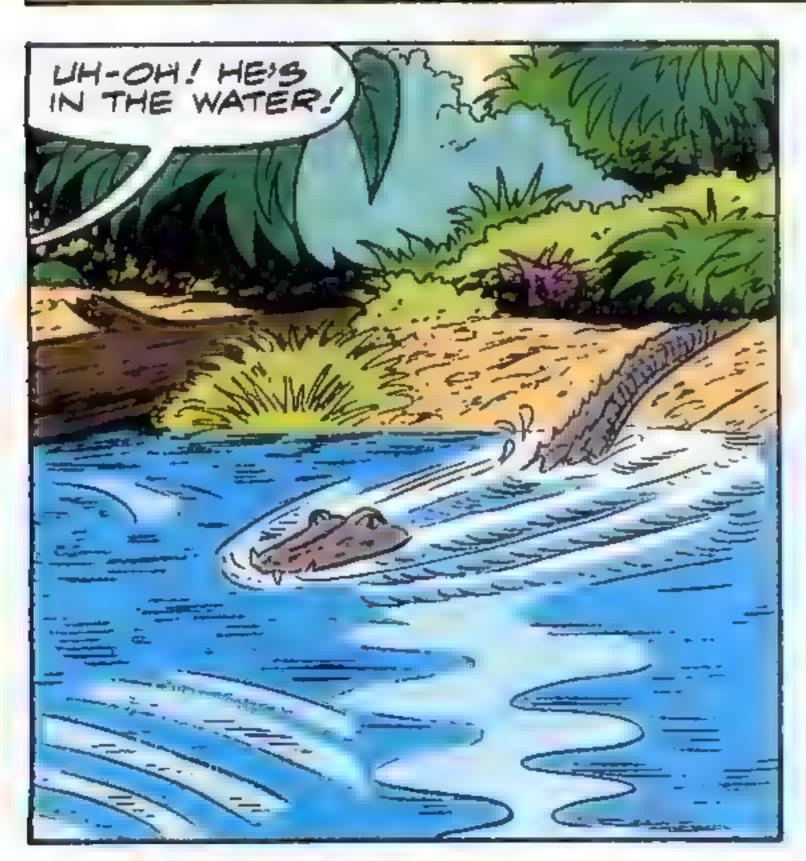


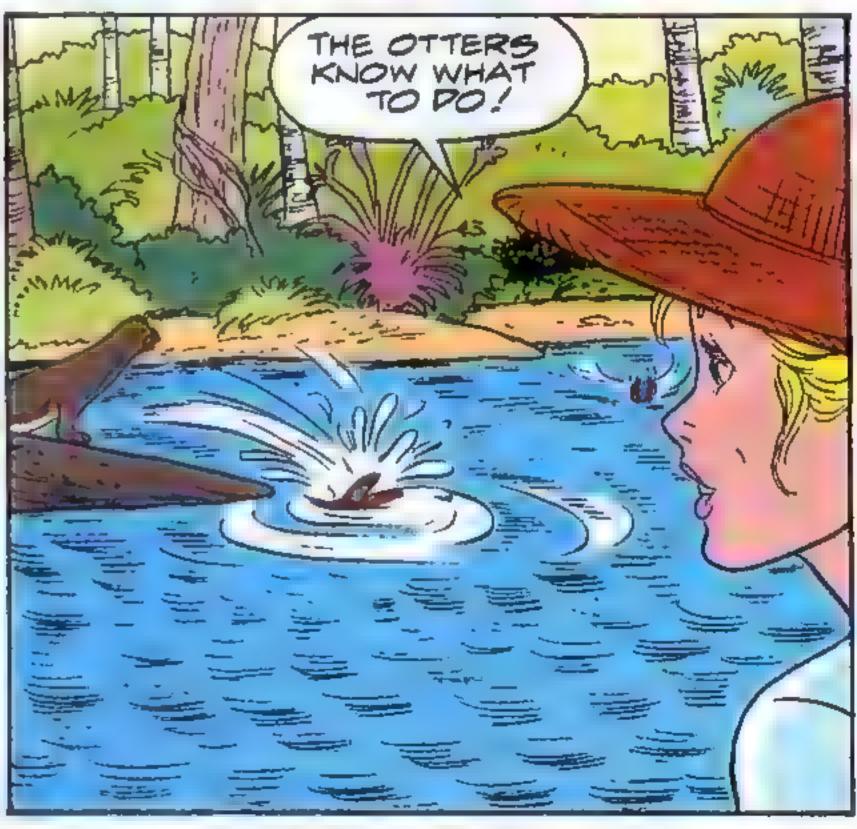


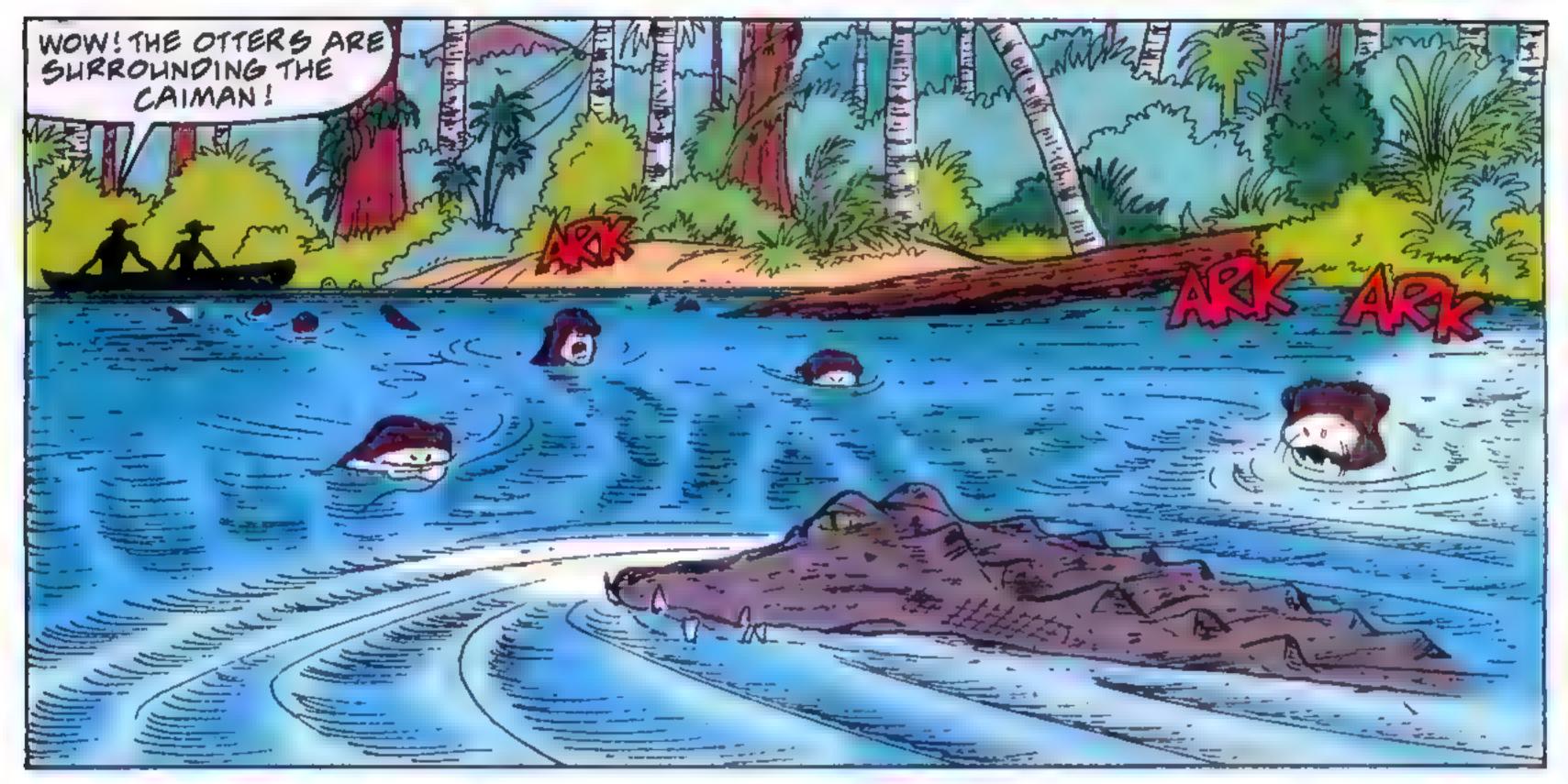


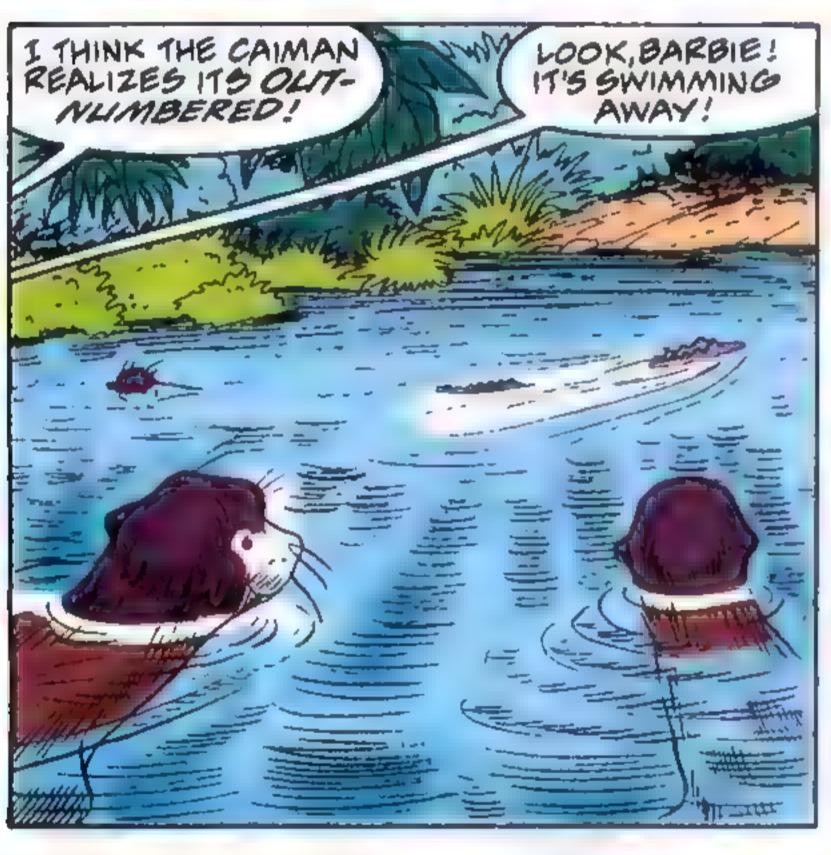


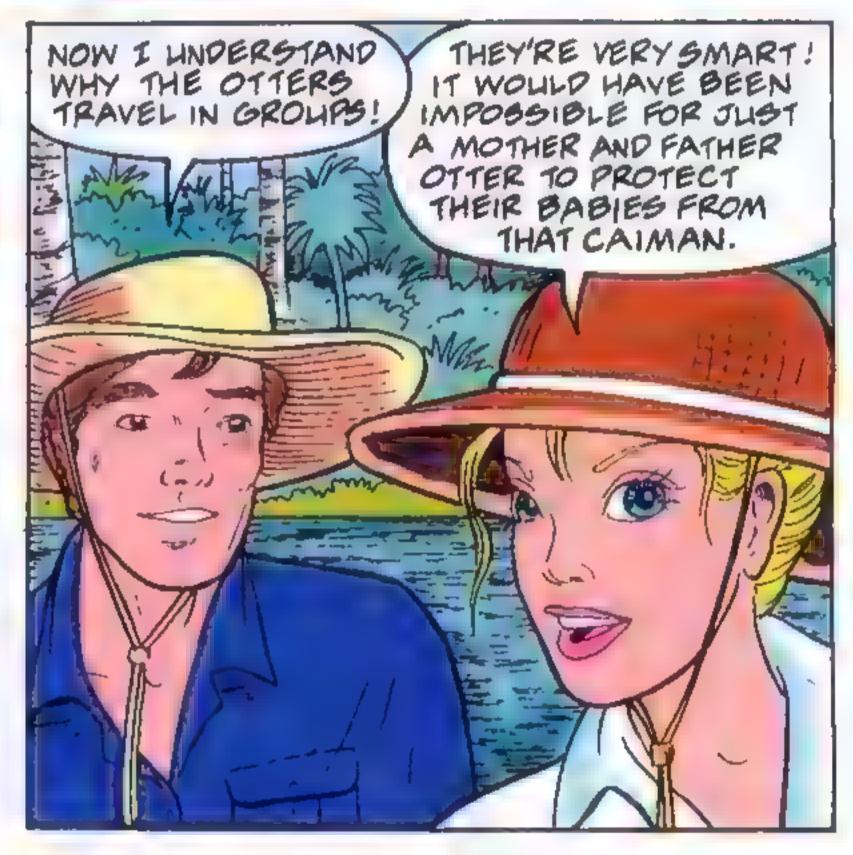


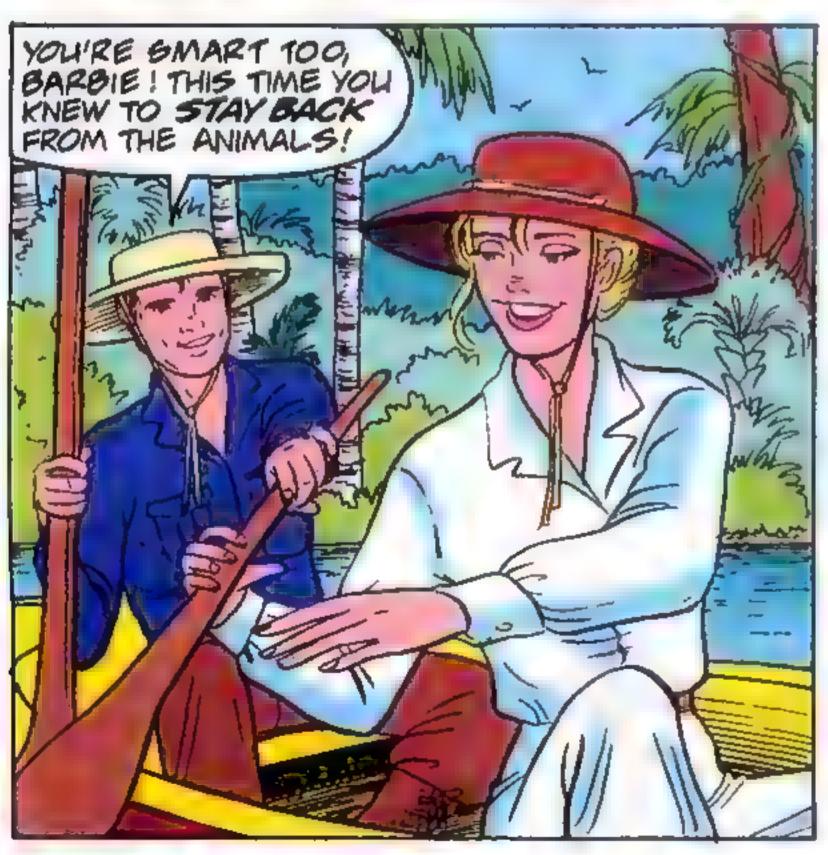




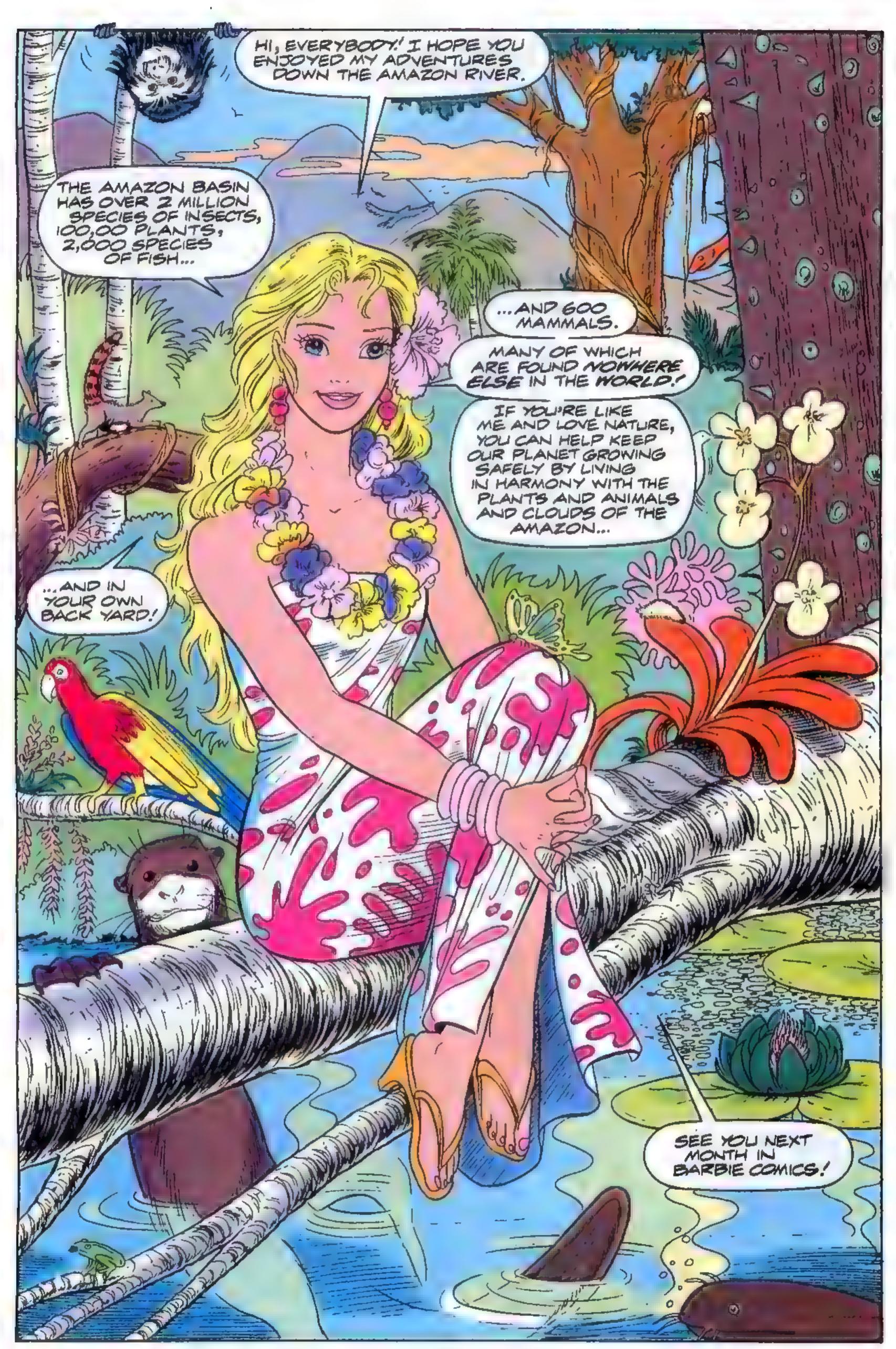


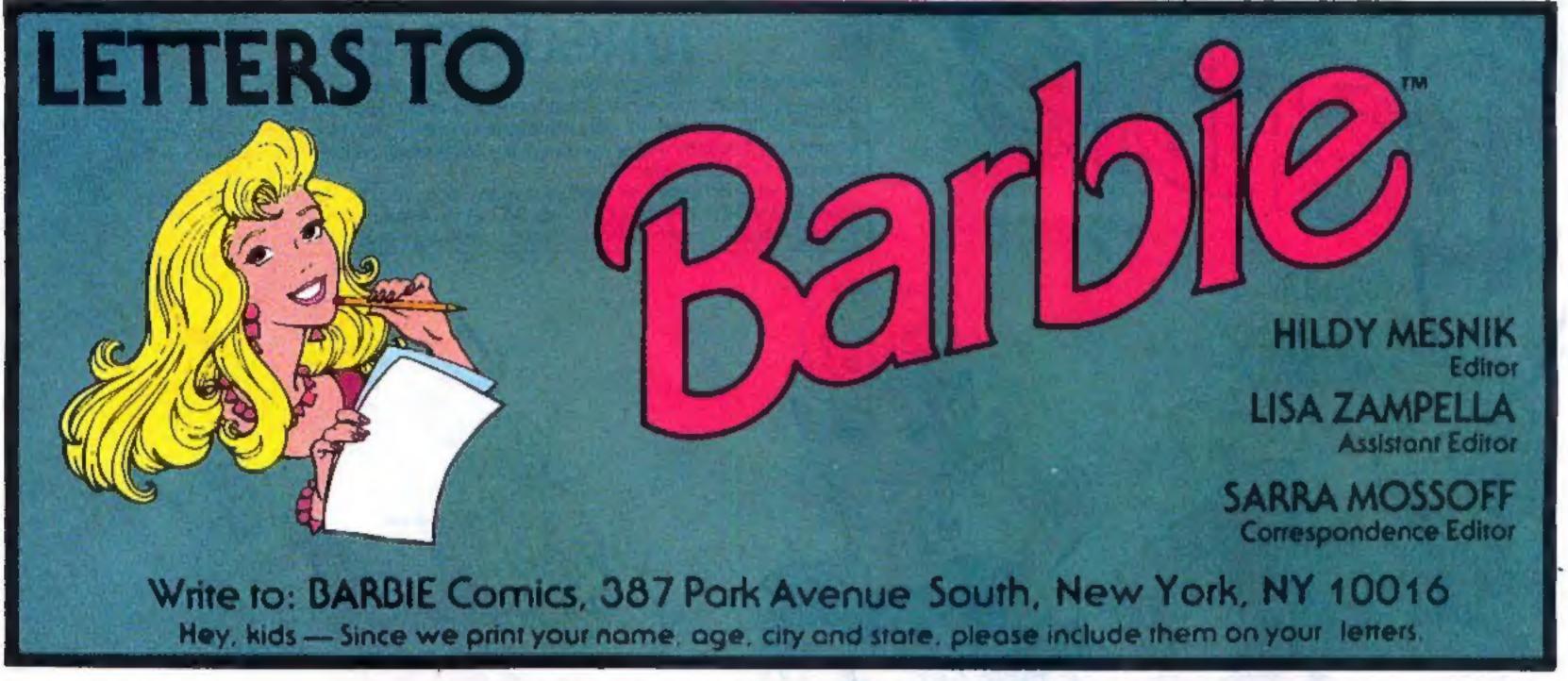












Dear BARBIE,

My sister loves your comics and so do I! My sister is the one who collects Barbies. She has a lot of them. We both love Barbie!

Ali Kemage, age 10 Plainwell, Ml

Hello to you and your sister, Ali! And thanks for writing!

Dear BARBIE,

Hi! My name is Beth and I am 10-yearsold. Eleven days ago I had my tonsils out. I also got my first BARBIE issue. I loved It!

> Beth Lamm Cumberland, MD

We bet getting your tonsils out wasn't much fun, Beth! But we're sure you're feeling much better by now — and we're very happy to hear that BARBIE brought you some cheer while you were recuperating!

Dear BARBIE,

I am 11-years-old and in the fifth grade. I love reading BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION. You do a terrific Job. I would also like to congratulate Amanda and Jeff on their great work in this comic.

I think Barbie is the prettiest and most stylish person I know!

Emily Lam, age 11 Brooklyn, NY

It's the wonderful creative people, like Amanda and Jeff, who work their magic and make Barbie so pretty and stylish, Emily! We don't know what we'd do without them!

Dear BARBIE,

I am interested in subscribing to BARBIE comics. Could you tell me how to do it?

Also, I have some recent issues of BARBIE, and I'd like to get issues #2 through #32. Do you have them? How can I get them? Please let me know! Thanks!

Michelle Stiles, age 10 Des Moines, IA

It's easy to subscribe to BARBIE, Michelle, and receive every issue at home each month! You'll find a form in this very issue. Simply fill it out and send it in! Be sure to check with a parent or adult first!

We're sorry that we can't help you with those back issues — we put the comics together, but we don't sell them! We have two suggestions. Try looking at your local comic shops, which you can find by checking the yellow pages. If you don't see what you're looking for, be sure to ask because they may be able to order it for you.

You may also want to try mail order comic companies. Some companies advertise in this comic, or other Marvel titles. You may be able to order back issues from them.

Good luck!

Dear BARBIE,

My name is Kristin and I am 13 years old. I don't want to criticize your comic, but I would like to make a point. I've noticed that in your stories Barbie has very minor problems, she never fights with Skipper, and is practically flawless.

I have glasses and I'm not as thin as I would like to be. I notice that I very rarely see a character that is nice-looking and wears glasses, but I never see a character that is overweight (not grossly exaggerated

or picked on about it).

I think that especially kids want to know that even their idol isn't perfect. Barbie and her friends are wonderful at everything and hardly make mistakes. Magazines and TV programs show kids and teens what they should look like. They often feel bad because they don't look like these examples, and never will.

There are lots of different problems that people have, from wearing glasses to being handicapped. And not everyone is beautiful. It would just be more realistic if Barbie and her friends weren't perfect in every way.

Thanks for your time.

Krista Anderson, age 13 Painted Post, NY

You make some excellent points, Krista, and we agree that everyone isn't perfect. Yes, our comics would be more realistic if Barbie and her friends faced the many kinds of difficulties and problems that all of us face every day. But we hope that when people read BARBIE comics, they can forget their problems for a little while and enjoy a wonderful story about a beautiful doll who is good, kind, and giving.

Self-image is often a problem for young people, and you are right to notice that there are many unrealistic and impossible images all around us. We think it's an excellent idea to portray as many different kinds of people in our comic as we can, including those who wear glasses, are slightly overweight, or are handicapped. As a matter of fact, we've published several stories which

feature Skipper's schoolmates Angela, who uses a wheelchair, and Randy, who wears eyeglasses and starred in Barbie's back-to-school fashion show!

But it's also important to remember that this is a comic. These images are drawings based on the dolls, and the artists' imagination. Sometimes it's nice to imagine and read about a more perfect world. Again, it may help people to enjoy a brief escape from the problems of the everyday world, and who knows? If you can imagine a better world, one where people are kind, polite and helpful, maybe you can make the world a better place!

BARBIE'S BIRTHDAY CORNER

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It's Aprill The days are longer and the weather's warmer—and many BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION readers are celebrating birthdays!

4/1, Danielle Lynn Alken, 11, Hamden, CT 4/1, Stephanie Kusnick, 9, Dryden, Ontario, Canada

4/4, Keeley Christensen, Coal City, IL 4/5, Heather Lee, 10, Sunnyside, WA 4/6, Samantha Nakatsuchi, 10, Vandenberg AFB, CA

4/7, Donata Marcantonio, 5, Rockaway, NJ 4/10, Donna Lavaie, 6, Pasadena, CA 4/12, Cheisea Brekke, 10, Las Vegas, NV 4/12, Darlene Hamill, 11, New Castle, DE 4/15, Courtney Woodhull, 12, St. Louis Park, MN

4/18, Tara Cooper, 9, Little Falls, NJ 4/19, Starlena Collins, 15, Portland, OR 4/25, Lauren McCormack, 7, West Chester, PA

4/26, Tiffany Evans, 11, San Jose, CA 4/27, Isabel Rosas, 11, Hart, Mi 4/27, Meghan Matthews, 9, Stockton, CA

4/29, Casey Phillips, 8, Hudson, FL 4/30, Beth McPherson, KS

4/30, Nicole Lyn Kollanda, 9, Hamden, CT We'd like to wish these, and all the BARBIE

readers celebrating their special day this month a very happy birthday!

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